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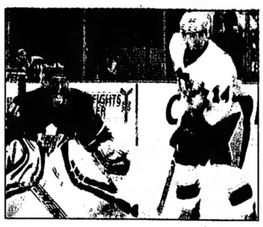

Kunitz baffled
Penguins' winger Chris Kunitz is mired in the slump of all slumps. **1B**

Continuing Pride
Bernie Fertall went into The Pasta Shoppe for lunch and came out with a restaurant. **1C**

Welch, Tartt sentenced

Shooter Gerald Szakal is expected to receive a life sentence today.

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WASHINGTON, Pa. – Two men charged in the robbery and murders of a Carroll Township couple received lengthy jail terms Tuesday.

Washington County Common Pleas Judge Debbie O'Dell Seneca Tuesday sentenced Justin J. Welch, 21, of 911 Crest Ave., Apt. 3, Charleroi, and Tecko Dwayne Tartt, 22, formerly of Donora.

The shooter, Gerald Szakal, 27, of Webster, is scheduled to be sentenced today to a life sentence with no chance of parole.

Szakal was convicted Oct. 1 of robbing and fatally shooting retired Carroll Township police Chief Howard Springer, and his wife, Nancy, March 4, 2008, in their home at 1241 Highland Road.

Police said Szakal stole jewelry and rare coins from his mother's Rostraver Township house and sold them to the Springers, who operated a precious metals business out of their home. The prosecution contended Szakal murdered the couple because their business logs could have proved he committed the thefts.

Welch had agreed to plead guilty to two counts of conspiracy to commit homicide in exchange for his testimony against Szakal. O'Dell Seneca sentenced him to two consecutive terms of 10 to 20 years. He could spend 40 years in prison.

Tartt, who pleaded guilty to

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Dr. Mike Raczkowski will advise Olympic-class wrestlers on healthy lifestyle choices. **2C**

Vibes returns
Vibes, our monthly feature package for young people, is back for another school year. **3-5C**

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Lustig falls short
Bo Lustig finished third in the PIAA golf championship. **1B**

Crosby toting torch
Sidney Crosby will carry the Olympic torch on its way through Nova Scotia. **2B**

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- Michael W. "Mike" Petroske, 62, Donora
- Lori L. Quirin, 46, Belle Vernon
- Bessie M. Sherbondy, 79, Wyano
- Dorothy J. Tyler, 77, Daisytown
- Dale F. Williams, 82, Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township)

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Tonight Mostly cloudy 49°
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Fisher quits authority board

Fisher said she is tired of the Washington Township rumor mill.

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP – Municipal authority board Chairwoman Dee Fisher unexpectedly announced her resignation Tuesday at the beginning of a board meeting.

Fisher

Reading from a prepared statement, Fisher said she has been unfairly ridiculed as the head of the board.

"There are individuals in this community that seem to have the need to police who and when employees of the authority appear at my home," Fisher said.

Fisher said she has had telephone service problems the last month and that plant manager Joe Alvarez and office manager Jan Amoroso have traveled to her home to discuss authority projects.

"No, they weren't there doing personal things for me on company time and on your dollar," Fisher said. "They were doing their job and so was I.

"And speaking of dollars, I have attended myriad meetings in surrounding communities throughout this area on a day-to-day basis, and it isn't your dollars being spent, but mine for gas, parking and wear and tear on my automobile."

Fisher addressed a number of "rumors" she claims are circulating in the community.

"The rumor also states that I'm anti-union, too rigid and by the book. Well, if suggesting that you follow the contract makes me anti-union, then so be it," she said.

Fisher said some claim board members have secretly met.

"Yes, we do have meetings, and all board members are not there at one time," Fisher said. "First of all, I do not run the authority as a dictator. We have committees.

"So if you consider committee meetings or meetings with the authority officers secret, what can I say? If I am at the authority office and one of the board members comes in to get their mail and I talk with them; that is hardly a secret meeting. Let's use some common sense."

Fisher thanked Attorney Michael Witherel and Bankson Engineers employees Dave Kerchner and Judy Spray for informing the board about various matters, especially a yet-to-be-constructed $20.8 million sewage project.

"All materials, such as contracts, bids, and et cetera, have been thoroughly reviewed and are available to the public, so there is no hidden agenda," Fisher said.

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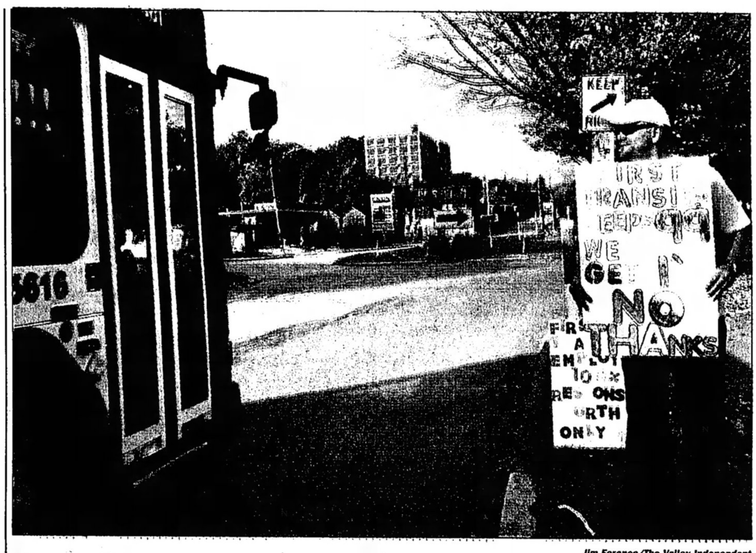

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Keith Brant, who drives a Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority bus, takes part in an informational picket Tuesday along Route 906 in Monessen.

Workers who drive MMVTA buses picket for contract

They say First Transit will not honor the old 88 Transit pact or cut a new deal.

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MONESSEN – Bus drivers for the main transit carrier in the Mid-Mon Valley were out picketing Tuesday in hopes of obtaining a contract.

Drivers represented by Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1743 conducted informational pickets at various bus stops voicing their displeasure with First Transit.

First Transit, a national company based in Cincinnati, was awarded a contract in April from the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority. The contract was held for years by 88 Transit.

The contract between First Transit and its union drivers expired July 1 and workers are not happy a new deal has yet to be reached.

The union contends First Transit is not honoring the expired deal.

"We don't have a contract now, but First Transit was supposed to abide by the terms of the old contract we had and they aren't," said driver Richard Young, of Uniontown.

Young and several other off-duty drivers conducted informational pickets Tuesday morning in Monessen and other areas and said they would go from community to community throughout the day.

"It's a different year, different company but the same results," said Young, who noted that the union ran similar pickets a year ago when trying to get negotiations moving with 88 Transit.

"First Transit got the contract from 88 Transit in April, but we don't have a contract with First Transit," Young said. "Things are going very slow right now, and we have less than before.

"It's about as crappy as it gets."

Marc Roncone, marketing director for the Mid Mon Valley Transit Authority, said those involved in the contract dispute include drivers, mechanics and vehicle maintenance workers.

"At this time there, is no plan for a work stoppage that the authority is aware of," Roncone said. "They are negotiating, so this is basically their way of trying to get the word out on how it's going for them.

"They never had a contract with First Transit. How they're working, I'm not exactly sure."

> "Things are going very slow right now, and we have less than before. It's about as crappy as it gets."
> RICHARD YOUNG, DRIVER

The authority awarded a contract to First Transit because its bid was much lower than the one tendered by 88 Transit.

First Transit's bid was $6,845,389.12 while 88 Transit, based in Speers, put in a bid of $8,530,281.

First Transit received a three-year deal that covers all fixed and paratransit services offered by the authority.

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Charges possible in jail suicide

Two Fayette guards were supposed to monitor the inmate via camera feeds.

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UNIONTOWN – Two Fayette County prison guards assigned to monitor live surveillance-camera feeds of an inmate's cell failed to notice as the man made two attempts to hang himself over at least 20 minutes before succeeding, according to county officials.

Surveillance footage of the inmate's cell and of a room where the guards were to be viewing the live video feed will be shown to a coroner's jury early next year to determine whether criminal charges are warranted, District Attorney Nancy Vernon said.

"The tape shows that there is a question as to whether or not a prison guard who was assigned to monitor the video actually monitored the video during the attempt and resultant death by a hanging in the prison," Vernon said Tuesday.

"We'll have a coroner's jury view the tape, as an aid to the prosecution in determining whether or not there is sufficient basis to prefer the charges of involuntary manslaughter."

Cade William Stevens, 25, of 257 Lucky Lane, Dawson, was found 10:06 a.m. Sept. 12 hanging from a bedsheet in his cell.

He was pronounced dead within the hour at The Uniontown Hospital.

The Fayette County Coroner's Office has deemed the death a suicide, but it is not releasing any other information pending results of an ongoing investigation, said Marisa Springer, deputy coroner.

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VALLEY PEOPLE

Picket (FROM PAGE ONE)

At the time of the takeover, Local 1743 drivers continued to serve as route drivers. However, when the old contract expired, no new one was signed.

"First Transit is a big company and they can do better than they are doing for us," said Young.

"I don't mind paying for some of my benefits, but I at least want them to be worth what I'm paying."

First Transit and Local 1743 could not be reached this morning prior to presstime.

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Thanks to all who supported this effort!

If winning ticket holder does not claim this basket by Friday, October 30th, a new ticket will be drawn.

Yesteryear

U.S. Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.) was the keynote speaker at the 39th annual Charleroi Chamber of Commerce banquet Thursday, Sept. 24, 1959, at the Twin Coaches. Welcoming Gore, center, are Alex Zelinski, right, president of the Chamber, and Lt. Gov. John M. Davis of Pennsylvania.

If you have a good old-time photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

Weather

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 63 Low 50	High 64 Low 54	High 63 Low 44	High 56 Low 395	High 53 Low 40

Suicide (FROM PAGE ONE)

Two unidentified prison guards have been suspended with pay in connection with the suicide.

The Fayette County Prison Board planned to meet this morning to review an internal county report on the suicide, said Dominick Carnicella, human resources director.

Vernon, Commissioner Vincent Zapotosky and Sheriff Gary Brownfield yesterday said the surveillance videos indicate Stevens made at least two unsuccessful attempts to hang himself over an extended period of time before succeeding.

Brownfield said the video footage depicts Stevens actually placing his head in the makeshift noose twice, then removing it twice, before hanging himself.

Zapotosky said Stevens, who according to his family was struggling to overcome a heroin addiction, was in obvious distress for 20 to 30 minutes before his death.

"There was ample time during that roughly 20 minutes to a half hour to intervene," Zapotosky said. "It was everything. Pacing. What looked like a couple of unsuccessful attempts. Frustration. Fear."

Brownfield, the prison board chairman, said it was "pretty obvious somebody did not do their job. Irregardless of what (inmates) have done, it's our job to protect people."

Zapotosky was visibly shaken shortly after viewing the videos a few days after Stevens' death, but declined at that time to discuss it. Officials yesterday agreed to comment on the videos after the Tribune-Review submitted a request for copies through the state's Right to Know Act.

Citing the ongoing investigation, Vernon yesterday declined to release the videos.

Stevens had been in jail in lieu of $50,000 bond for less than 48 hours prior to his death on charges of robbery, aggravated assault, simple assault and theft. State police from the Belle Vernon barracks alleged he used a shotgun Sept. 10 to rob four golfers of $80 cash on the 15th hole of the Linden Hall golf course in Lower Tyrone.

While the county continues its investigation into Stevens' suicide, other guards at the prison are credited with helping to save the life of another inmate who attempted suicide last Friday.

Brian Miller, deputy warden, said two inmates alerted guards after noticing the 34-year-old white male attempting to hang himself in an isolation cell. That cell, Miller said, is not equipped with video surveillance cameras and the inmate was not on suicide watch.

"The officers got in there, cut him down and CPR was started immediately," Miller said. "The guards did an excellent job. It looks like he's going to make a full recovery."

The unidentified inmate was taken to The Uniontown Hospital at 12:47 p.m., then flown to a Pittsburgh hospital. Miller said the inmate was expected back at the jail yesterday and would be transferred to Torrance State Hospital in Derry for further evaluation.

Sentenced (FROM PAGE ONE)

robbery and criminal conspiracy to commit robbery, was sentenced to 7 1/2 to 15 years in the state prison.

In August, Welch rejected a plea bargain that would have called for a sentence of 15 to 30 years in prison in exchange for his testimony.

After retaining a new attorney, Welch agreed last month to accept an open plea agreement from the district attorney's office. An open plea agreement means he was not promised any specific sentence.

District Attorney Steve Toprani said the sentence was appropriate for Welch's involvement in the crime.

"We recognize that he was centrally involved in the conspiracy and the crime," Toprani said. "That was why he was able to testify honestly and help us gain a conviction."

Victim-impact statements presented to the judge were no read during the sentencing hearings. No family members spoke during or after the court proceedings.

Toprani said a Springer family member might make a statement during Szakal's sentencing hearing today.

"The family is pleased with the sentence," Toprani said. "They are relieved that Mr. Welch will be held accountable for his actions."

During the sentencing of his client, attorney Jeff Watson said Tartt "expressed his remorse to law enforcement and, most importantly, the family."

He later said Tartt chose to not speak directly to the judge and family because he felt anything he said would not be sufficient.

"Mr. Tartt said he can't imagine the pain he caused the family and felt saying sorry isn't enough," Watson said.

O'Dell Seneca told Tartt he received "a sweetheart deal." The president judge said it was too lenient, but she accepted the plea bargain and the way the district attorney's office handled the case.

O'Dell Seneca said she was surprised by the revelation during the trial of Tartt's Web site, which included a photograph of Tartt wielding a handgun. The site featured the lyrics to a rap song that included the line "I clap my gun," a street slang for firing a weapon.

"It seems to me you felt that was OK because those were the words to a song," O'Dell said.

"Maybe you think its funny walking around with a gun like a gangster."

O'Dell Seneca told Tartt to "thank your lucky stars" that he did not find himself facing criminal conspiracy to commit homicide charges.

"Yes, ma'am," he softly replied.

She scolded him for going into hiding for a few weeks after the charges were filed in early March 2008. He was taken into custody April 17, 2008.

O'Dell Seneca said it was "mind boggling the disrespect for people and life and property and yourselves."

The judge said she must live with the gruesome images of the crime scene, including some photographs she did not let the jury see.

"The Springer family has to live with this," O'Dell Seneca said. "Words fail me."

As a part of the plea arrangement, Tartt agreed to not appeal his sentence.

Asked if the sentence for his client was too lenient, Watson said it was a reflection of Tartt's willingness to admit his involvement and cooperate in the prosecution of Szakal.

"It's one thing to say you're sorry, it's another to take affirmative steps to show your remorse," Watson said.

Asked why Tartt hid in the weeks following the shooting deaths, Watson said, "I can't answer that."

Toprani said the plea bargain reflected Tartt's willingness to cooperate fully.

"They're pleased we're nearing the end of this and looking forward to having some closure," Toprani said of the Springer family.

Toprani, who grew up next door to the victims and has remained close to the family, said he has tried to remain objective. He chose to have the case prosecuted by two of his assistant district attorneys.

"This case will remain with me," Toprani said. "I hope to get some closure from this."

On Monday, another defendant in the case, Gregory M. Carpenter, 54, of Charleroi, was sentenced to two to four years in prison for his role in the case.

Valley briefs

Mon City man nabbed for drugs

A Monongahela man who allegedly sold heroin throughout the Mon Valley, is in jail today.

Cass Roland Mucci, 38, of 615 Lincoln St., was charged with two counts each of possession of a control substance (suspected heroin) and possession with intent to deliver and criminal conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance.

Tempest said his department assisted Washington County District Attorney Steve Toprani's Drug Task Force in the investigation of Mucci's alleged drug trafficking.

Tempest said Mucci is known in the area as the "man to see" for heroin.

"He delivered a lot of heroin in the area," Tempest said.

Tempest said police received an arrest warrant Tuesday for Mucci.

When Mucci was stopped yesterday by a state police trooper for a traffic citation, he was transferred to Monongahela and arraigned before Magisterial District Judge Mark Wilson.

Mucci was remanded to the Washington County Correctional Facility in lieu of $25,000 straight cash bond.

Fayette urging flu precautions

Precautions are being urged at the Fayette County Courthouse.

Workers at the Uniontown complex have been advised to take precautionary measures after an assistant district attorney was diagnosed with H1N1.

The unidentified employee is recovering at home, according to District Attorney Nancy Vernon.

At Vernon's request, Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink asked Dr. Phillip Reilly to issue a memo advising employees on precautions they can take to avoid contracting the flu.

Reilly, a medical doctor and the county's coroner, advised all county employees who are sick with H1N1 or the seasonal flu to stay home until completely recovered.

Staff were advised to wash their hands with soap and water frequently, or to use hand sanitizer.

Workers were advised to avoid hand shaking or touching, and to maintain "a reasonable distance between yourself and others."

Industrial vacancies up

Vacancies of industrial properties in the Pittsburgh region increased during the third quarter to 8.6 percent, from the second quarter's 8.4 percent, according to a Grubb & Ellis report issued Monday.

That equates to about 200,000 more square feet available, and several major construction projects are nearing fourth-quarter completion and will add 700,000 square feet to expanding users, the real estate company said.

The result will be a year-end occupancy rate in the 92 percent range, the report said.

Emma Jene Lelik/For The Valley Independent

Fallowfield Township firefighter Geary Shipley shows off the creative poster given to the fire department by Charleroi Head Start children. Adults shown, from left, are Taunya Claude, Shipley and Brad Walters. Head Start children pictured are identified only by first names, Marcus, left, and Tabitha, right.

Head Start students thank first responders for visiting

Nineteen little handprints on a poster board touched the heart of Fallowfield Township firefighter Geary Shipley.

"We've been visiting Charleroi Head Start classes for years and, although we get phone calls and notes of thanks, this is the first time we got such a token of appreciation," Shipley said.

Shipley said he took the fire truck to the Head Start building and allowed the children to examine it.

"I demonstrated the truck and explained some fire safety issues to them," Shipley explained.

The children, ages 3, 4 and 5, put their first names under their handprints.

They colored a fire truck and added some other art work to the poster.

Amy Lynch, Charleroi home visitor for Head Start, delivered the poster to the Fallowfield fire station.

She said similar posters were given to the Charleroi Fire department, Charleroi Police department and Mon Valley Emergency Medical Services, whose representatives have also paid visits to Head Start.

"We wanted to show our appreciation," she said.

Emma Jene **LELIK**

Carol Cook, case worker for Charleroi Head Start, was in charge of arranging the educational lessons.

Teachers in classrooms 1 and 2, Paul Wyatt, Brad Walters, Belinda Rice and Taunya Claude, participated in the visits to the children and the show of appreciation.

"Teachers often arrange these special and helpful activities," Lynch said.

The children spend a full six-hour day in activities at Head Start.

Shipley said the poster his department received will proudly be displayed on a wall in the Fallowfield fire station.

Fallowfield Township Supervisor Olga Woodward, who was present when the poster was delivered, said she was impressed with the courteous act the children displayed.

"They are being taught to show appreciation for service," she said.

Sewickley Twp. may use cops from Smithton

Idea being discussed at series of meetings in the township.

By PAUL PATERRA
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Frank Sever says he feels there is a definite need for a police force in Sewickley Township.

"There are problems here, and they exist," said the Hutchinson fire chief. "Do we need police to come out here and help us? Absolutely."

Sever was among those in attendance Tuesday night at one of four community meetings to gauge interest in having the Smithton Police Department patrol the township.

Others are scheduled for tonight in Lowber and on Thursday in Herminie.

A similar meeting was held in Rillton last week.

"We're basically here to see what people think," said Wayne Jones, chairman of the township board of supervisors.

"It's something we're just looking at right now. I think it's something residents should be aware of, and I'm really curious to see what the residents think."

Jones said the township might have to raise property taxes by .05 to 1 mill to afford the cost.

Sewickley is among the Westmoreland County municipalities considering regional police departments to provide a part-time law enforcement presence.

The communities rely solely on state police, but because they patrol such an expansive area, troopers can't respond immediately to a call a times.

Smithton is about three miles from Sewickley Township.

Legislation is proposed to charge residents a fee in municipalities that don't have a local, full-time police force.

Officials from New Stanton, Youngwood and Hunker are among those at least exploring the possibility of having Smithton police on patrol in their communities. Patrols by Smithton officers are expected to begin in Madison in January.

Smithton Patrolman Jim Phillips said the number of hours that police would be on patrol would depend on the terms of the contract with the police force. Any priority calls would receive immediate response.

"Just having your own police department is a deterrent to crime in general," Phillips said. "It brings a presence — that's the biggest thing."

Many in attendance raised their hands when asked by Jones if they would be willing to shoulder a tax increase to support a municipal police force.

Ken Shoff, a township resident for all of his 62 years, said he agrees with the need for a police presence but said he doesn't believe a millage would have to be raised to pay for it.

"Eventually it's going to cost more," Shoff said.

"The police force is definitely needed. You can see the problems in this township ... . I just don't see why they just can't do it without a millage increase.

"They keep saying a half a mill. What's it going to be five years from now?"

Pair admit role in drug ring

Men from Detroit and West Newton get jail terms for drug trafficking.

By RICH CHOLODOFSKY
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A Michigan man and a West Newton man who involved in an interstate cocaine trafficking ring that delivered drugs into Westmoreland and Allegheny counties pleaded guilty Tuesday to their roles in the operation.

Charles Edwards, 30, of Detroit, was sentenced by Westmoreland County Judge Richard E. McCormick Jr. under the terms of a negotiated plea bargain. Edwards will serve five to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to racketeering and drug distribution charges.

Brian Dixon, 42, of West Newton, was sentenced to serve 2 1/2 to five years in prison and an additional five years on probation.

Attorney Wayne McGrew, who represents Edwards, said the deal was not contingent on his client having to testify against the remaining seven co-defendants in the cocaine ring broken up by investigators in January.

The arrest of Edwards was part of a nine-month investigation by the state's Attorney General's Office called "Operation Final Run."

The probe focused on a violent Detroit-based drug gang, known as "The A-Team," that officials contend funneled about $1.4 million of cocaine into the region.

Edwards was arrested in January with three other Detroit men during a traffic stop in North Huntingdon following a tip from a confidential informant. Police said they found about three kilograms of cocaine, valued at about $300,000, in the car.

Dixon was one of five local men who were arrested and charged with racketeering, conspiracy and drug distribution as part of the operation.

Dixon was arrested after he sold about $3,000 of cocaine to an informant at a North Huntingdon bar in January.

Deputy Attorney General Tomm Mutschler said the prosecutions will continue against the remaining seven co-defendants.

"I anticipate a lot of pleas," Mutschler said.

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DEATH NOTICES

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HAMER — Robert Jay Hamer, 65, of Belle Vernon (Fairhope), on Tuesday, Oct. 27. Ferguson Funeral Home Inc. and Cremation Service, Belle Vernon.*

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PETROSKE — Michael W. "Mike" Petroske, 62, of Donora, on Tuesday, Oct. 27. Anthony L Massafra Funeral Home, Donora.*

POWER — Joseph Gerald "Jerry" Power, 72, of Monongahela, on Monday, Oct. 26. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

QUIRIN — Lori L. Quirin, 46, of Belle Vernon, on Sunday, Oct. 25. Ferguson Funeral Home Inc. and Cremation Service, Belle Vernon.*

RIVA — Helen Mary (McShane) Riva, 101, formerly of Monessen, on Sunday, Oct. 25. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.*

SHERBONDY — Bessie M. Sherbondy, 79, of Wyano, on Monday, Oct. 26. J. William McCauley Jr. Funeral Home Inc., West Newton.*

TYLER — Dorothy J. Tyler, 77, of Daisytown, on Sunday, Oct. 25. House of Law, Penn Hills.

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Dorothy A. (Woshner) Corace

Florida

Formerly of the Pittsburgh area

Dorothy A. (Woshner) Corace, 89, died Oct. 23, 2009, in Hope Hospice, Ft. Myers, Fla. Born Jan. 17, 1920, in Brentwood to the late Lawrence B. and Anna Hersick Woshner, she lived half her life in the Pittsburgh area. She moved to Florida in 1969. She graduated from Seton Hill University, class of 1941 and was a professional model for Pittsburgh organizations and department stores. While residing in Bethel Park, she was a member of South Hills Country Club and the Women's Golf Association. She was devoted to her Catholic faith especially to Mary, the Blessed Mother, and a member of St. Columkille Catholic Church, Ft. Myers, Fla. Surviving are her two children, Arthur Corace (wife Sandi) of Ft. Myers, Fla.,, and Carolyn Pietrzak (husband James) of California, Pa.; four grandchildren, Suzanne Corace, Dustyn Corace, Holly Pietrzak (fiance Micah Kobia), and Brittany Corace; sisters-in-law Dorothy Woshner and Helen Ann Woshner; and numerous nieces and nephews. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her former husband, Arthur L. Corace, a South Hills, Pittsburgh area homebuilder; and brothers, Robert Woshner and Lawrence Woshner, Jr. Family and friends will be received at SKIRPAN FUNERAL HOME, 135 Park St., Brownsville, on Friday, Oct. 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, where a prayer service will be held at 9 a.m., followed by a funeral Mass at 9:30 a.m. in the Historic Church of St. Peter, Brownsville, with The Rev. Father James Petrovsky as celebrant. Interment will follow in St. Casimir's Cemetery, Baldwin.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Robert Jay Hamer

Belle Vernon (Fairhope)

Robert Jay Hamer, 65, of Belle Vernon (Fairhope), passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009, in UPMC St. Margarets Hospital, Pittsburgh. He was born in Pittsburgh on Sept. 23, 1944, the son of Mary Elizabeth Middleton Hamer and the late Donald William Hamer. He had been a resident of Fairhope, Washington Township, his entire life. He was a member, and served as an elder and custodian, with the Marion Presbyterian Church of Fairhope, was a member of the Bellmar High School Class of 1962, where he served on the reunion committee and was a member of the Mon Valley Church dartball league since 1977. After high school, Bob worked at Bart's Exxon and the Sadowski Sawmill until being drafted in 1965. He served with the U.S. Army Company B 25th medical battalion, 25th infantry division in Cui Chi, Vietnam, as a supply sergeant. After his return to the United States in 1967, he worked at Corning Glass in Charleroi until he got into the manpower training course for electronics in Donora, where he completed electronics training in 1968. Bob began his career as an electronics technician for Sears Roebuck and Company on January 20, 1969, where he worked for the next 36 years until his retirement in June, 2005. After taking a year off, relaxing and playing with his grandkids, Bob found the one job that gave him the most satisfaction, driving a van for Tri County Access in Donora. In April 1969, Bob married the love of his life, Sharon Branthoover. Bob and Sharon were together for over 40 years and together they were blessed with two great sons and daughters-in-law, David J. and Rachael Hamer of Elizabeth Township, and Donald Lee and Valerie Hamer of Fairhope; four beautiful grandkids, Colby J., Ryan Nicholas, Cameron Jay and Courtney Leeann Hamer. Bob is also survived by his mother, Betty Hamer, a resident of the Mon Valley Care Center; one brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Arden Hamer, of Murrysville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Darla and Joe Belsick of Fairhope and Donna Grace and Norman Gilotty of Fayette City; and a host of other relatives and friends. Besides his father, Bob was preceded in death by his grandparents, Wilbert and Nettie Middleton and Thomas and Ethel Hamer; and a niece, Lauren Engber. Friends will be received 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday in the FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, INC., (724-929-5300), 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, www.Ferguson-FuneralHomeandCrematory.com. Funeral arrangements will be announced in Thursday's edition. Interment will be in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Alvina Joanna (Malena) Mauro

Rostraver Township

Alvina Joanna (Malena) Mauro, 90, of Rostraver Township, passed away on Monday, Oct. 26, 2009, in Monongahela Valley Hospital Inc.. She was born in Monongahela on Nov. 11, 1918, (the original Armistice Day), the daughter of the late Vincenzo and Angelina Figoli Malena. Alvina was a member of Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church in Monessen. She was also a member of the Epiphany Ladies, the Italian-American Heritage Society, and the former Italian Society of Mutual Aid. Alvina enjoyed being a volunteer pierogi maker for the Epiphany Church, and was involved in teaching line dancing for a number of years at the Monessen Senior Center. Alvina was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a friend to all. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Anthony "Tony" Mauro in 1992; four brothers, George Sr., Joseph, Albert and Vincent Malena Jr.; five sisters, Christine DiCenzo, Theresa Pansino, Rose Opalinski, Antoinette Martino and Angel Marie Malena, who died in infancy; and by a son-in-law, John "Yunny" Apessos. Alvina is survived by daughters, Vincetta "Dolly" Apessos and Loretta Ferguson and husband Alex Ferguson, all of Carroll Township; sons Joseph "Buddy" Mauro and wife Roberta of Grenada Hills, Calif., and Lawrence Mauro and wife Genevieve of Donora; her grandchildren, Cynthia Apessos Cooke and John Apessos, Lorraine Mauro Faley, Maria Mauro Acosta and Joseph Mauro II, Anthony Mauro, Lisa Mauro Peccon and Lawrence Mauro, Alexander Ferguson III, Ann Marie Ferguson Bianchi and Krista Ferguson; her great-grandchildren, Jo Cooke Barber, Stephanie Cooke, Tom and Amy Faley, Kaitlan and Alyssa Mauro, Anthony and Angelo Mauro, Alexander IV and Lily Ferguson, Maria, Gina, Christopher, and Nicholas Peccon, Cole, Alina, and Olivia Bianchi, Giulia and Clara Mauro; and by numerous nieces and nephews. Friends will be received on Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen, (724-684-8750). Services will be held on Friday, Oct. 30, 2009, beginning with a 9:30 a.m. Blessing in the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora. Members of the Epiphany Ladies and the Knights of Columbus Council No. 954 will conduct a prayer service on Thursday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home. Condolences accepted for the family at www.dalfonsobillick.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Michael W. "Mike" Petroske

Donora

Michael W. "Mike" Petroske, 62, of Donora, died on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009, at Monongahela Valley Hospital, Carroll Township. He was born on Friday, Nov. 29, 1946, in North Charleroi, the son of the late Joseph and Grace (Tegi) Petroske . Mike was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving with the U.S. Army. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Rich and Joseph Petroske. Survivors include a daughter, Michele (Joseph) Beresh of Donora; three sons, Robert Failoni of Charleroi, Bryan (Jamie) Petroske of Belle Vernon, and Michael (Terri) Petroske of Donora; five grandchildren, Jessica, Kelsey, Logan, Caleb and Jordan. Friends will be received on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the ANTHONY L. MASSAFRA FUNERAL HOME, 40 Second Street Extension, Donora, Pa., 15033, (724) 379-6900, where funeral services will be held on Friday, Oct. 30, 2009, at 10 a.m., with the Rev. Father Pierre M. Falkenhan officiating.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Joseph Gerald "Jerry" Power

Monongahela

Joseph Gerald "Jerry" Power, 72, of Monongahela, died unexpectedly Monday, Oct. 26, 2009, in the Monongahela Valley Hospital. He was born Nov. 10, 1936, in New Eagle, a son of the late Joseph M. and Zelda Marie Tinley Power. Jerry was a graduate of Monongahela High School, class of 1955. He was retired from the Equitable Gas Company in Ginger Hill and was a U.S. Army veteran. His memberships include the Grace Lutheran Evangelical Church, Victory Hill Gun Club, B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 455, Henry M. Phillips Lodge 337 F&AM, all of Monongahela, American Legion Post 976 in Crosby and a former member of the Monongahela Volunteer Fire Department. Jerry enjoyed trap shooting, hunting, fishing and most of all loved life. He is survived by three children, Amy Power Grove and husband Donald of Monongahela, Ronald Power and wife Martha of Morgantown, W.Va., Lynn Sperandio and husband John of Monessen; nine grandchildren, Tabitha Grove Talbott and husband Ralph, Dawn Grove Galloway and husband Mike, Christina Grove, Ashley Grove Wood and husband Jonathan, Mary, Joseph and Sarah Power, Emily Grove, Amanda Grace Sperandio; three great-grandchildren, Ryder Talbott, Jassamyn and Michael Galloway; sister Virginia Wagner and husband Charles of Charleroi; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Sally Fisher Power, who died April 27, 2001; and his brother, Dale Tinley Power. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 W. Main St., Monongahela, where services will be held on Thursday, at noon, with the Rev. Gordon Ray officiating. Committal services and interment will follow in Monongahela Cemetery with full military honors accorded at the grave by the Mon Valley Honor Guard and Firing Squad. Memorial contributions may be made to the Victory Hill Gun Club Inc., c/o Tom Pandrock, 65 Walnut Ridge Road, Charleroi, Pa., 15022. The Henry M. Phillips Lodge 337 F&AM will conduct services Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the funeral home. To leave an online condolence, visit www.fryefuneralhome.com.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Lori L. Quirin

Belle Vernon

Lori L. Quirin, 46, of Belle Vernon, passed away Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009. She was the daughter of the late Glenn and Gloria Phillippi Evans. Survivors include two brothers, Scott A. Evans of Latrobe, and Glyn J. Evans of Greensburg; a nephew, Joseph A. Evans; and a great-nephew, Chase Lee Evans. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Duane Evans. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Services will be held in the funeral home on Friday at 11:30 a.m., with Pastor Frank A. Rocco officiating. Interment will be held in Belle Vernon Cemetery at a later date. The FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, INC., (724-929-5300), 700 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, www. Ferguson-FuneralHomeandCrematory.com is handling arrangements.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Helen Mary (McShane) Riva

Formerly of Monessen

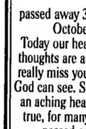
Helen Mary (McShane) Riva, 101, died peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009, at her residence, Ontario Commons Assisted Living, in Mansfield, Ohio, where she had been living since 2005. She had been in declining health for some time. Mrs. Riva was born in Monessen, on Feb. 5, 1908. She was the daughter of the late James and Elizabeth Brown McShane, For 67 years, she was the beloved wife of the late Attorney Victor E. Riva, who preceded her in death in October of 2003. Mrs. Riva was also preceded in death by her cherished daughter, Margaret (Peggy) Riva Bartok, in February, 2000. She was the sister of seven siblings, all of whom preceded her in death: Joseph McShane, Loretta McShane, James McShane, Cecelia McShane Hayes, Mildred McShane Byron, Margaret McShane Thompson, and John McShane. Mrs. Riva was a lifelong resident of Monessen and Charleroi. She was a 1925 graduate of Monessen High School. She received a teaching certificate after two years of study at California Normal (now California University of Pennsylvania) in 1927. She taught in the Monessen City Schools for nine years until her marriage in 1936 to Victor E. Riva in Westfield, N.Y. Mr. and Mrs. Riva lived briefly in Greensburg and Harrisburg, during Mr. Riva's employment with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. During World War II, they moved to Glen Burnie, Md., when Mr. Riva was called back to service in the U.S. Navy. In 1957, Mrs. Riva returned to teaching at the Jefferson and Vocational Elementary Schools in the Monessen School District, where she taught for 14 years until her retirement. Mrs. Riva was a member of Mary Mother the Church Roman Catholic Church of Charleroi. She was a past member and officer of the Charleroi Historical Society and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. She is survived by her son, Victor F. Riva, and wife Melanie of Lexington, Ohio; her daughter, Jane Riva Provan, and husband, Scott of Chapel Hill, N.C.; eight grandchildren: Jonathan Victor Riva and wife Eleanor of Fair Haven, N.J.; Megan Jane Riva Mueller and husband Richard, of Carlsbad, Calif.; Matthew McShane Riva and wife Sara Lee of Carnegie; Rory Elizabeth Bartok Farrand and husband Michael of Verona; Ken Helene Bartok Baugh and husband Christopher of Boston, Mass.; Jonathan Marshall Proven and wife Devon of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Christopher Andrew Provan and wife Alison of Springfield, Va.; and Benjamin Scott Provan and fiance Grace Magruder of Potter Valley, Calif.; and eight great-grandchildren: Richie, Michael and Marley Mueller, Danielle, Jack and Brody Riva, Jackson Provan, Desmond Baugh; a sister-in-law, Deanna McShane of Belle Vernon; and numerous nieces and nephews. The family is being served by the SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC., 226 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Visitation at the funeral home will be Thursday, Oct. 29, from 4 to 8 p.m. A funeral Mass will be held Friday, Oct. 30, at 10:30 a.m. at Mary Mother of the Church, 7th and Washington Ave., Charleroi, followed by interment at Grandview Cemetery, Monessen. Online condolences accepted at www.schrock-hogan.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

CORRECTION

Isaiah Jones, 17, of 628 McKee Ave., Monessen, was charged as an adult with aggravated assault June 5 in the area of 673 McMahon Avenue, Monessen, not 671 McMahon Ave., as was incorrectly stated Friday in a brief listed under Magisterial District Judge Joseph Dalfonso's court hearings.

The charges against Jones were dismissed by Dalfonso.



In Memory of
Arlene Campbell

In loving memory of our beloved mother, Arlene Campbell, who passed away 33 years ago today, October 28, 1976.

Today our hearts are heavy, our thoughts are all of thee, how we really miss you, dear, no one but God can see. Some say time heals an aching heart, but, no, it isn't true, for many long years have passed and our hearts still ache for you.

Sadly missed and loved by your children Patty, Mike & Doug, who passed away March 7, 2009.

In Memory of
Paul Corbett, Jr. (Murph)

Our beloved brother, **Paul Corbett, Jr.**, who passed away 3 years ago today, October 28th, 2006. Gone yet not forgotten although we are apart, your memory lives within me forever in my heart.

Sadly missed & loved by sisters, Margie, Cathy, Shirley

In Memory Of
Paul Corbett, Jr. (Murph)
October 28, 2006

It's been 3 years since you've been gone, but my love for you continues on. Not a day goes by that I don't cry. You were my love, my life. I know that one day we will be together.

You are deeply missed by your wife, children and family.

NEWS

TODAY in HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 28, the 301st day of 2009. There are 64 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Oct. 28, 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, was dedicated in New York Harbor by President Grover Cleveland.

On this date:

■ In 1636, the General Court of Massachusetts passed a legislative act establishing Harvard College.

■ In 1858, Rowland Hussey Macy opened his first New York store at Sixth Avenue and 14th Street in Manhattan.

■ In 1919, Congress enacted the Volstead Act, which provided for enforcement of Prohibition, over President Woodrow Wilson's veto.

■ In 1936, President Franklin D. Roosevelt rededicated the Statue of Liberty on its 50th anniversary.

■ In 1940, Italy invaded Greece during World War II.

■ In 1958, the Roman Catholic patriarch of Venice, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, was elected pope; he took the name John XXIII.

■ In 1962, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev informed the United States that he had ordered the dismantling of missile bases in Cuba.

■ **Ten years ago**: Five Republican presidential hopefuls debated such issues as abortion, health care and taxes in their second meeting in less than a week; once again, front-runner George W. Bush was absent from the gathering in New Hampshire.

■ **Five years ago**: Insurgents executed 11 Iraqi soldiers and declared on an Islamic militant Web site that Iraqi fighters would avenge "the blood" of women and children killed in U.S. strikes on the guerrilla stronghold of Fallujah.

■ **One year ago**: Former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was sentenced to four months in jail for his part in a sex-and-text scandal. (Kilpatrick ended up serving 99 days.)

■ **Today's Birthdays**: Jazz singer Cleo Laine is 82. Actress Joan Plowright is 80. Musician-songwriter Charlie Daniels is 73. Actress Jane Alexander is 70. Singer Curtis Lee is 68. Actor Dennis Franz is 65. Pop singer Wayne Fontana is 64. Actress Telma Hopkins is 61. Olympic track and field gold medalist Bruce Jenner is 60. Actress Annie Potts is 57. Microsoft cofounder Bill Gates is 54. The president of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, is 53. Rock musician Stephen Morris (New Order) is 52. Country/gospel singer-musician Ron Hemby (The Buffalo Club) is 51. Rock singer-musician William Reid (The Jesus & Mary Chain) is 51. Actor Mark Derwin is 49. Actress Daphne Zuniga is 47. Actress Jami Gertz is 44. Actor Chris Bauer is 43. "Tonight Show" sidekick Andy Richter is 43. Actress Julia Roberts is 42. Singer Ben Harper is 40. Country singer Brad Paisley is 37. Retired NFL player Terrell Davis is 37. Actor Joaquin Phoenix is 35. Singer Justin Guarini ("American Idol") is 31. Rock musician Dave Tirio (Plain White T's) is 30.

Associated Press

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., right, answers a reporters question as Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., listens, center, Tuesday on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Democrats struggling to find unity on health care overhaul

Efforts to draft a consensus health care bill for a vote have been stalled for more than two weeks.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats are still struggling to find a strategy that will let them push a health care overhaul through the Senate and fulfill President Barack Obama's goal of signing a bill this year.

A day after Majority Leader Harry Reid announced that the Democratic bill would include the option of a government insurance plan, moderates in his own party lost no time Tuesday in voicing their displeasure. Reid, D-Nev., needs every Democrat to break the filibusters Republicans are vowing to mount.

But some of the moderates refuse to say whether they'll stick with their leader on procedural votes, let alone those on the merits of the bill.

"We are a long way from reaching conclusion," said Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi is in a similar position in the House. Efforts to draft a consensus health care bill for a vote have been stalled for more than two weeks because of disagreements among Democrats.

There are nine weeks left in the year to deliver a bill to Obama's desk.

Intense days and nights lie ahead, said Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla. Senators who don't like the bill will find themselves the focus of a "prayer session," said Nelson. "They will pray that the retribution of God doesn't come down on them," he joked.

Nonetheless, moderate Democratic senators who control the balance of power on health care were holding their ground. Republican opposition stiffened, and party leaders announced they would attempt to strangle the bill before formal debate begins.

Despite the obstacles, senior Democrats cast Reid's draft legislation as a turning point.

Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said there is now a "sense of inevitability ... that, yes, we're going to pass health care reform."

The government insurance option long ago emerged as the biggest flashpoint in both the House and Senate as Democrats try to pass legislation that extends coverage, bans insurance practices such as denial of coverage because of pre-existing medical conditions and slows the growth of health care spending nationally.

But before any substantive issue can be joined on the Senate floor, Reid's first challenge is to gain 60 votes — the number needed to overcome a filibuster by Republicans — just to bring the bill up, a parliamentary maneuver so routine that a vote is rarely required.

Physicians' lobby in tricky spot

AMA facing revolt from some of its members and fomer political allies.

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Does the AMA matter in the health care debate?

Congress is beginning to have its doubts, despite the medical association's deep pockets and platoons of lobbyists.

It's lost its principles, some lawmakers and physicians say. Perhaps more damaging: It can't produce votes.

After a humiliating defeat in the Senate, the venerable American Medical Association faces a revolt from both its member doctors and onetime political allies as it struggles to influence an overhaul of the nation's health system.

The group had pinned its hopes on winning a $247 billion, 10-year reprieve from scheduled reimbursement cuts for physicians who treat Medicare patients in return for supporting the White House push for broader changes in health care coverage. When the pay boost was sidetracked last week in the Senate, it undercut the doctors' leverage — just as final negotiations on the broader health bill intensify.

"I can't think of a more ineffective organization when it comes to dealing with Congress," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, who has tangled with the group in the past. "The lesson I've learned ... is if you agree to fix their compensation, they will basically get in the tank with their natural adversaries."

Democrats aren't as harsh, and they still fear alienating the doctors lobby. But Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid strongly suggested the group had failed to deliver on a pledge of lining up enough votes to pass its high-priority pay rate legislation.

The AMA's president-elect, Dr. Cecil Wilson, said the group had made no such promises but merely pointed out that many GOP senators had backed similar legislation in the past.

The setback followed the AMA's airing of what it said was $1 million worth of television ads in targeted states, designed to bolster support for the bill.

It failed because of bipartisan concerns that it would raise federal deficits.

Wilson defended his group's lobbying strategy, saying it has done what's best for doctors and patients and fought successfully to keep its seat at the table during sensitive negotiations with President Barack Obama's team and key Democrats on the final health overhaul.

DEATH NOTICE

Bessie M. Sherbondy

Wyano

Bessie M. Sherbondy, 79, of Wyano, died Monday, Oct. 26, 2009. She was born Dec. 21, 1929, a daughter of the late Howard and Margaret Foster. Bessie, along with her husband, Tom, owned Sherbondy's Market in Turkeytown. She was a member and former elder of the Sewickley Presbyterian Church. She is survived by five children, Thomas (Cenaida) Sherbondy, of Turkeytown, Connie (Richard) Keefer, of Irwin, Diana Keefer and Cheryl Kush, both of Wyano, and Mary (Pat) Egros, of Rostraver; grandchildren, Deliah (Butchy), Thomas, Jenny (Raymond), Amy (Mark), Richard (Ottilie), Larry (Marcie), Peggy (Butch), Laura (Ed), Lloyd (Holly), Sara and Patrick, Julie (Tim), Kim (Donnie), Jennifer and Brandi; 31 great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; a brother, George (Loretta) Foster; a sister, Laverne Aaron; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas L. Sherbondy; a son, Lloyd Sherbondy; an infant granddaughter, Heather Michelle; two sons-in-law, Larry Keefer and Henry Kush; two brothers, Sam and Joseph; two sisters, Vivian and Rhoda; and a sister-in-law, Bridget. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the J. WILLIAM McCAULEY JR. FUNERAL HOME INC., 901 Vine St., West Newton, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday with Pastor Eric N. Glisen officiating.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Dale F. Williams

Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township)

Dale F. Williams, 82, of Belle Vernon (Rostraver Township), died Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2009, at 1:40 p.m. at his home. Born Sept. 12, 1927, in North Charleroi, he was the son of the late Desire and Bertha Lambermont Williams. A resident of Belle Vernon for the past 61 years, Mr. Williams was a member of Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Monessen, was a retired steel worker from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel, Allenport Plant, was a veteran of World War II, having served with the U.S. Navy, member of the Belle Vernon American Legion Post 659, Belle Vernon Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 209 and the Charleroi VFW. He is survived by his wife, Betty Story Williams, to whom he was married 61 years; granddaughter Dana Monticelli and husband Dan of Belle Vernon; and two great-grandchildren, Caden and Weston Monticelli. He is preceded in death by a daughter, Sharan Kinney; an infant son, Robert A. Williams and son Dale P. Williams; grandson Dale Christopher Williams; and a brother, Edgar Williams. Visitation will be held Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the LEONARD J. PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME, Family Owned and Operated, 626 Broad Ave., Belle Vernon, 724-929-6183. Prayer Service will be held Friday at 11:15 a.m. in the funeral home followed by Funeral Mass at noon at Epiphany of Our Lord Church, Monessen, with the Rev. David J. Nazimek as celebrant. Interment will take place in Belle Vernon Cemetery. The Belle Vernon American Legion will conduct services Thursday at 7 p.m. Condolences accepted at the funeral homes Web site, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

HARRISBURG (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $345,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Tuesday's game.

The Valley Independent Lottery Results

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, October 27, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	1-7-5
NIGHT PICK 3:	4-0-5
DAY PICK BIG 4:	0-9-1-1
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	4-2-3-1
DAY QUINTO:	6-9-0-7-6
NIGHT QUINTO:	4-9-3-2-7
TREASURE HUNT:	4-18-21-25-28
CASH 5:	8-18-21-23-43
SUPER 7:	2-4-5-13-31-34 40-58-62-75-76

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, October 27, 2009

DAY PICK 3:	6-2-5
NIGHT PICK 3:	6-4-5
DAY PICK 4:	9-1-1-7
NIGHT PICK 4:	7-4-3-6
ROLLING CASH 5:	2-22-24-31-37

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, October 27, 2009

DAILY 3:	9-8-3
DAILY 4:	6-4-2-3
CASH 25:	5-7-10-13-16-22

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OUR OPINION

Biden's 'win' doesn't help U.S.

VICE PRESIDENT Joe Biden supposedly made "significant strides during a trip to Central Europe" last week "in relieving anxieties the Obama administration stirred up last month when it scrapped a Bush-era plan for missile defense," reported The Associated Press.

Well, all hail Joe for, as some characterized it, "winning back Europe." But what about the defense of the country that Biden supposedly represents?

Biden pitched a replacement missile-defense shield for the one the United States, in capitulation to Russia, scrapped in Poland and the Czech Republic. But as Peter Brookes, a Heritage Foundation scholar and former deputy assistant secretary of Defense, puts it, "the new missile-defense plan he pitched has problems. A lot of them."

Mr. Brookes' bottom line: "(U)nless you're living in a fantasy world, brace yourself for the fact that (the United States will) be facing an Iranian nuclear-capable ICBM threat soon — perhaps sooner than we thought — without an effective defense."

"Winning back" Central Europe at America's expense isn't "winning" at all. And Americans shouldn't tolerate an administration that mistakes national suicide for foreign policy.

ANOTHER VIEW

(Chambersburg) Public Opinion on budget cuts:

When a state faces a revenue shortfall of more than $3 billion, one that represents about 10 percent of the previous year's total spending, some hard choices and lots of sacrifice are necessary.

So it's not a surprise that the budget plan delivered more than 100 days late contains an abundance of pain for many state agencies and departments.

The $27.8 billion plan reduces general fund spending across state government by 1.8 percent, or $524 million less than last year.

It uses billions in federal stimulus money to partially make up for the Legislature's politically motivated refusal to raise any broad-based tax rates, and covers the rest of the revenue shortfall with severe cuts to some state agencies.

The Department of Community and Economic Development, which uses grant programs to boost business growth, will get $265 million this year — a whopping 53 percent cut from last year.

Labor and Industry suffered a $29 million cut, about 25 percent, and lost its vocation rehabilitation, entrepreneurial assistance and self-employment assistance line items, according to The Associated Press.

Conservation and Natural Resources lost 19 percent, including half its forest pest management money and more than $9 million for state parks operations.

Historical and Museum Commission support for eight museums was cut more than 50 percent, and the state's Public Television Network subsidy of $11.3 million was eliminated.

Environmental Protection lost 27 percent of its funding, about $58 million, which included an $11 million safe water initiative.

Indeed, these were hard choices for hard times.

Unless, of course, you happened to work for one of the four caucuses in the Legislature itself.

The state Senate absorbed a 9.6 percent cut to $92 million, and the state House took 3.8 percent cut to $185 million. That's right — the state House is getting more funding than Labor and Industry and only $80 million less than the entire budget for Community and Economic Development.

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Obamacare's false dawn

Rich **LOWRY**

The public option is back. Its Lazarus act is hailed as a sign of how rosy the health-care debate looks for Democrats.

August is but a sepia-tinged memory. Passage of a sweeping bill is now considered a lock by the wisest and most conventional Beltway pundits. And legislation may even include the most shining prize of all, the public option that liberals — no matter what the talking points for public consumption — consider a way station to the Valhalla of a government-controlled system.

The flush on Obama-Care's cheeks, though, is not necessarily a sign of health. The return of the public option speaks to a key — perhaps decisive — substantive weakness in the legislation. It's no accident that the public option came roaring back in the immediate aftermath of an insurance-industry-commissioned study arguing that ObamaCare would increase premiums.

The study made Democrats yelp so loudly because it hit on such a sensitive spot. The Democrats must make people believe their inherently unbelievable promise of vast new public benefits for free. Since this defies common sense, the determinedly common-sensical American people don't buy it. A Gallup Poll finds 49 percent of people expect their costs to get worse under ObamaCare, compared with 22 percent who say they will get better. The skeptics are right.

States like Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts and New Hampshire that have imposed Obama-Care-style regulations have seen premiums jump for everyone. If people can wait to get sick until they obtain insurance, fewer healthy people will carry insurance. The cost of an older and sicker insurance pool naturally increases. To prevent this spiral of "adverse selection," ObamaCare imposes a mandate requiring all adults to buy insurance. But Democrats in the Senate Finance Committee — sensitive to its politically unpalatable requirements and fines — watered it down.

This only stokes the cost problem. According to the National Journal, MIT health economist Jonathan Gruber says that under this looser regime, the young and healthy will drop their insurance, and premiums will go up by 10 percent. Sarah Bianchi, the chief domestic-policy adviser for the Kerry and Gore presidential campaigns, fears the same dynamic.

This is exactly the point made by the much-reviled insurers. How to address this concern and placate a restive left? Revive the left-for-dead public option. Nancy Pelosi insists that the public option will achieve "the lowest cost for America's working families," who shouldn't be left on their own "to negotiate with insurance companies."

This is yet another chimera. To tamp down fears that a public option is a vehicle for a government takeover, the House bill has a relatively tepid version that will supposedly only attract 10 million people. If so, that won't help the broader middle class much. If a more "robust" public option is designed to drastically undercut private insurance rates and pull in more people, the costs of the squeeze it puts on doctors and hospitals will be passed along to the private system. In this scenario, the public option will be like Medicare, a program beggaring the private system even as it grows out of control itself.

In short, the public option is a recycled means of pretending away ObamaCare's costs. When the Office of the Actuary at Health and Human Services said the House bill would increase systemwide costs, the Democrats had a ready response — the bill is already being changed. The perfect bill that will bring greater coverage coupled with miraculously declining costs is always just over the horizon, a shimmering mirage of wishful thinking and willful dishonesty.

Eventually, Democrats will have to settle on a final bill and won't be able to sweep its weaknesses under the rug of the next drafting process. Whatever its final form, it will raise taxes, cut Medicare and — in all likelihood — increase insurance premiums. If the past few months of polling are any guide, it will be under 50 percent approval.

Its benefits, such as they are, won't kick in until 2013, while the taxes will start immediately.

If this is inevitable, what's a heavy lift?

Save our way of life

Diana **WEST**

When it comes to Afghanistan, what separates President Barack Obama and Gen. Stanley McChrystal?

Not much. Neither wants to destroy the Taliban — just tamp it down to the point where an as-yet non-existent Afghan state can function. Which is why — prediction time — McChrystal won't quit when Obama gives him fewer forces than McChrystal is asking for.

McChrystal's assessment frankly states that what the general calls his "new strategy" — an intensification of "population protection" at the expense of "force protection" — is his top priority, not increased troop levels. But this strategy is ignored in the debate, and certainly by most conservatives, who only emphasize the need to "give the general the forces he needs to win."

What it is that McChrystal actually wants to win — namely, the support of the Afghan people — is rarely mentioned.

And how to win that Afghan support? The man has a plan. It amounts to a taxpayer-funded, military-implemented bribery scheme. As the New York Times' Dexter Filkins recently put it: "McChrystal's plan is a blueprint for an extensive American commitment to build a modern state in Afghanistan, where one has never existed. ... Even under the best of circumstances, this effort would most likely last many more years, cost hundreds of billions of dollars and entail the deaths of many more American women and men. And that's if it succeeds. "

In other words, the Afghan "surge" under consideration is for "nation-building," not war-making.

But guess what? The United States of America already tried building a modern state in Afghanistan — or, at least, building a state of modernity in Afghanistan — and it just didn't stick. And this was no fly-by-night operation. University of Indiana professor Nick Cullather describes the 30-plus years of sustained U.S. development in Afghanistan as "an 'integrated' development scheme, with education, industry, agriculture, medicine, and marketing under a single controlling authority" — a massive dam project known as the Helmand Valley Authority. As historian Arnold Toynbee observed in 1960: "The domain of the Helmand Valley Authority has become a piece of America inserted into the Afghan landscape." And from the project's beginning in 1946 — designed by Morrison Knudson, builder of Hoover Dam, the Golden Gate Bridge and Cape Canaveral — to 1979 when it ended, there was no Taliban "insurgency" complicating the social work of nation-building.

But this crucial episode of U.S.-Afghan history has been erased from national consciousness, pricked only by the odd remember-when news story. Of course, these historic U.S. efforts in Helmand Province — the Taliban-spawning, opium region into which 4,000 U.S. Marines "surged" this summer — have themselves been erased from Afghanistan, which may explain the amnesia.

Still, for nation-building utopians such as Gen. McChrystal, those from Left to Right who see different peoples and cultures as interchangeable markers on a game board, reality never tempers the fanaticism. A blind faith empowers believers both to see their utopian visions and to block out the reasons they can never materialize — in this case, the specifically Islamic reasons (Sharia) Afghanistan can neither serve nor fulfill Western ends.

A similar blindness afflicted the Soviets in the USSR's war on Afghan "insurgents." Christopher Andrew, citing KGB archives smuggled out of the USSR by Vasili Mitrokhin in "The World Was Going Our Way," writes: "Islam became the unifying bond of opposition to the (Afghan Communist Party) and its Soviet backers." Afghan resistance to the regime was thus transformed into a jihad in defense of Islam whose significance was grossly underestimated by the KGB.

None of the reports noted by Mitrokhin even mention the threat of jihad..." — a point I have made about the McChrystal assessment among all too many other U.S. policy documents.

NEWS

Ohio peace museum angles for Obama's prize money

He'll donate the $1.4 million that comes with his Nobel Peace Prize to charity.

By JAMES HANNAH
Associated Press Writer

DAYTON, Ohio — A fledgling museum devoted to the pursuit of peace is hoping its mission is just what President Barack Obama is looking for when he decides what to do with the $1.4 million cash award that comes with his Nobel Peace Prize.

Volunteers and supporters of the Dayton International Peace Museum are writing letters to Obama in hopes of swaying him to make a donation.

Dayton Mayor Rhine McLin says city leaders also will reach out to the president.

The museum's founders are also urging state officials to make an appeal.

Obama has said he will travel to Oslo, Norway, to accept the award in December, and plans to donate the cash to charity.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said this month that Obama has not decided who will get the money.

Museum officials say they would use the prize money to expand their peacemaking and conflict-resolution programs in elementary schools and among young first-time offenders and at-risk youths.

The beating death of a Chicago honor student last month attracted Obama's attention.

The president sent Attorney General Eric Holder and Education Secretary Arne Duncan to the city to meet with students, parents and administrators.

Federal officials also promised support efforts to stop youth violence nationwide.

The idea for the Dayton museum was born at a bus-station diner in 2003 when Christine Dull and her husband, Ralph Dull, longtime peace activists who live in the Dayton area, were on their way home from New York City after visiting the United Nations.

"All of a sudden I said, 'It's high time Dayton had a peace museum,'" Christine Dull recalled.

She said the couple were inspired by the realization that there were thousands of war museums and memorials throughout the world, but few peace museums.

The Dayton museum opened in 2005 in a stately 1877 Italianate mansion.

The Dulls and several others used their own money to start it, along with a $10,000 grant from a local organization that supports grass-roots groups that promote social change.

The museum is nonpartisan and not affiliated with any church or religion.

The museum sends volunteers to schools to urge students to make nonviolent choices, sponsors a summer peace camp and puts on a peace festival. Its former director has visited Pakistan, India and Iran multiple times to meet with peace groups and schools.

"I believe there is a critical mass for good in the world now. And we want to be part of that," Christine Dull said.

Some peace organizations are flourishing.

The United States Institute of Peace, a government-funded, independent group that works to prevent and resolve conflicts around the world, recently celebrated its 25th anniversary.

It has grown from three employees to around 250 and is building a new headquarters on the national mall in Washington near the Lincoln Memorial, giving it high visibility.

"It's a symbol of our nation's commitment to peace-building," said spokeswoman Lauren Sucher.

Richard Deats, former executive director of the U.S. branch of the Nyack, N.Y.-based Fellowship of Reconciliation, has followed, lectured and written about the peace movement for years.

He said a peace museum is a physical sign of humanity's desire for peace and called the Dayton museum "significant."

"It's very important as a cultural landmark where peace is being studied," Deats said.

Photos and biographies of Mahatma Gandhi and Nobel Peace Prize winners, including Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King Jr., hang on the Dayton museum's walls.

Shelves are lined with books on peace.

One room is devoted to the United Nations. Another resembles a school classroom with posters on how to deal with bullies.

One exhibit includes photos from the World War II atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, and poems written by survivors.

"There are a couple of generations that have no idea what nuclear bombs can do, and we think they need to be educated on that," Christine Dull said.

The Dulls have had a passion for peace nearly all of their adult lives.

Ralph grew up in the Church of the Brethren, which historically has taken a strong stance for pacifism.

He was a conscientious objector during the Korean War, working for two years in the slums of Baltimore instead of serving in the military.

In 1983, the couple began traveling to the Soviet Union on friendship trips. In 1989, they lived in a collective farm village there while two Soviet farmers worked on their farm in Ohio.

"We went for friendship purposes because we felt that no matter what our governments were doing, we thought that the people should get to know each other," Christine Dull said.

Over the years, the Dulls have taken part in countless peace rallies and vigils.

When peace talks between leaders of the war-torn Balkans were held at nearby Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in 1995, Christine played her cello outside the base's fence line in tribute to Vedran Smailovic, the Sarajevo cellist who became a symbol of courage for playing in the city's bombarded streets during its siege.

Today, the Dulls are part of a museum that has 75 volunteers and counts former U.N. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke, actor Martin Sheen and singer Willie Nelson as honorary trustees.

The couple often is seen at community events riding in their PeaceMobile, a colorfully painted motor home with an exhibit inside.

It is among several such vehicles around the country. Only rarely do the Dulls get a hostile reception, such as the time they asked for permission to join a parade in a local suburb.

"The man yelled at me over the phone and he said, 'What's the matter with you, lady? PeaceMobile? Don't you know we have a war going on?'" Dull said, laughing.

If the museum receives funds from Obama, it wouldn't be the first time it has gotten peace prize money.

In 2005, Holbrooke donated $10,000 of his $25,000 Dayton Peace Award to the museum after he was honored for his role in forging the agreement reached at Wright-Patterson that ended fighting in the Balkans.

Associated Press

Christine Dull, board chairman of the Dayton, Ohio, Peace Museum, poses with a Norman Rockwell poster, part of the exhibit in the museum's "golden rule room." The museum is hoping its pursuit of peace is just what President Barack Obama is looking for when he decides what to do with the $1.4 million cash award that comes with his Nobel Peace Prize.

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NEWS

Eight arson arrests help New Castle 'rest easier'

More arrests expected in town that has seen 50 suspicious fires in 35 months.

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New Castle police anticipate more arrests in connection with a suspected arson ring that terrorized residents of the city's Lower East Side for the past two years.

Police on Tuesday charged eight young people, all from New Castle, with torching 11 structures and one vehicle between November 2007 and July of this year. Authorities said they expect more arrests in connection with as many as 50 suspicious fires that occurred between June 2007 and last month.

"I think they are responsible for more than 12," said police Chief Thomas Sansone, who pegged the city's total number of arsons at 34.

"They were all friends. ... They caused a lot of the problems on the East Side."

Fire Chief Thomas Maciarello, who disagreed with the police chief's numbers, said his department battled at least 50 suspicious fires since he became chief in January 2008.

He said he is relieved by the arrests because he feared for the safety of firefighters and the public.

"We fight fires every day, but with someone setting fires with wanton destruction in mind, we're pretty happy that we got them," Maciarello said.

Police said the suspects worked together, but not everyone was involved in all of the fires. In some cases, arsonists removed copper fittings and pipes from homes before setting fires.

Investigators got a break about six weeks ago when a woman heard glass breaking in a vacant house next to her Oak Street home, and officers who responded found three of the suspects inside.

Police said they obtained three confessions and were able to bring charges after interviewing those suspects.

Sansone said the tipster might receive some money from a $13,000 fund set up to reward anyone who supplied information leading to the arrest and conviction of the arsonists.

Arrested were Ruben Suarez, 23; Steven Sheridan, 21; Mark Quear, 20; Stephen Threats, 20; Darrell Rice Jr., 20; Rachelle Lombardo, 24; a 16-year-old male; and a 19-year-old male. Police said the 19-year-old was charged as a juvenile because he was 17 at the time of the fire for which he was arrested.

Suarez, Sheridan, Quear, Threats, and Rice are charged with multiple counts of arson, burglary, theft, conspiracy and criminal trespass, police said. Lombardo and the 16-year-old are charged with several counts of conspiracy. The 19-year-old is charged with criminal trespass and conspiracy, according to police.

The adults were arraigned before District Judge Melissa A. Amodie, who scheduled preliminary hearings for 10:30 a.m. Nov. 4. Authorities filed juvenile petitions against the teenagers.

Amodie set bond for Suarez at $50,000 per fire in connection with nine fires; for Sheridan, $75,000 each for seven fires; Quear, $75,000 each for five fires; Threats, $75,000 each for four fires; Rice, $100,000 each for two fires; and Lombardo, $75,000 each for four fires. They were jailed in the Lawrence County Prison.

"Hopefully, we can rest a little easier," Sansone said. He said the fires frightened neighbors and the extensive investigation taxed the manpower of city firefighters, police and outside agencies.

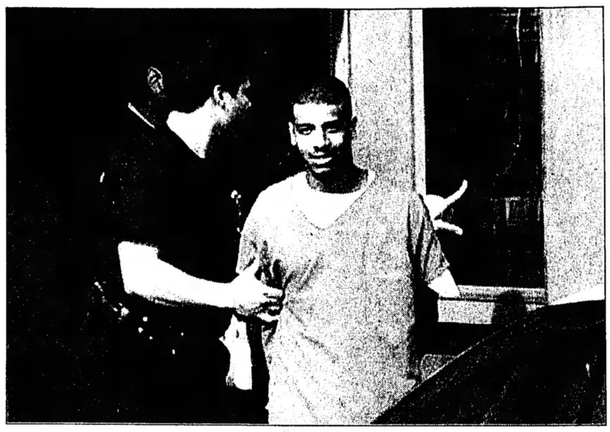
Last month, the city set up an arson task force that included New Castle police, state police and agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. In the past six weeks, task force investigators interviewed about 50 people and identified the eight suspects.

All of the suspects are friends, and at least two are related, according to police, who said all lived on the Lower East Side. Although the suspects removed, or tried to remove, copper plumbing fixtures before setting the fires, authorities could not point to burglary as the sole motive.

"There's no real motive to speak of," Sansone said. "Arson cases are the hardest to solve and prove, because they occur in the middle of the night when no one is around."

James Tanda, supervisory special agent with the ATF in Pittsburgh, said the investigation is continuing.

"Today is an important step, but there is still a lot of work to be done," Tanda said. "There are fires that have not been solved."



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Arson suspect Darrell Rice Jr. is led from the holding area at the New Castle Municipal Building on Tuesday. Rice is one of eight people who have been arrested in connection with as many as 50 suspicious fires in New Castle's Lower East Side.

Groundbreaking set for Flight 93 National Memorial

Ceremony set Nov. 7 for event that will climax six years of planning.

By MARY PICKELS
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After six years of planning meetings, fundraising and land acquisition, ground will be broken on Nov. 7 for the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County.

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar will lead a ceremony at noon at the site of the planned memorial to the 40 passengers and crew members aboard United Flight 93.

The hijacked airplane crashed into a remote field in Stonycreek Township on Sept. 11, 2001, killing everyone aboard.

The passengers and crew were credited with storming the cockpit, preventing the plane from crashing into landmarks in Washington, D.C.

Immediately after Sept. 11, a temporary memorial arose near the crash site, one that continues to attract busloads of tourists and visitors from around the world.

Many leave behind letters, flowers, photos and other memorabilia.

The National Park Service aims to have the first phase of the $58 million, 2,200-acre memorial completed in time for a dedication on Sept. 11, 2011 — the 10th anniversary of the terror attacks.

Over the summer, Salazar worked to broker agreements between the federal government and landowners whose properties were needed for the memorial site.

He will be joined for the groundbreaking ceremony by Gov. Ed Rendell, U.S. Senator Bob Casey, and U.S. Reps. John Murtha and Bill Shuster.

Members of the Families of Flight 93 and representatives of the National Park Service, the National Park Foundation, the Flight 93 Advisory Commission and the Flight 93 Memorial Task Force, along with first responders, also will participate.

"We are very excited about this. It's been a labor of love that's lasted years," Patrick White, vice president of the Families of Flight 93, said Tuesday.

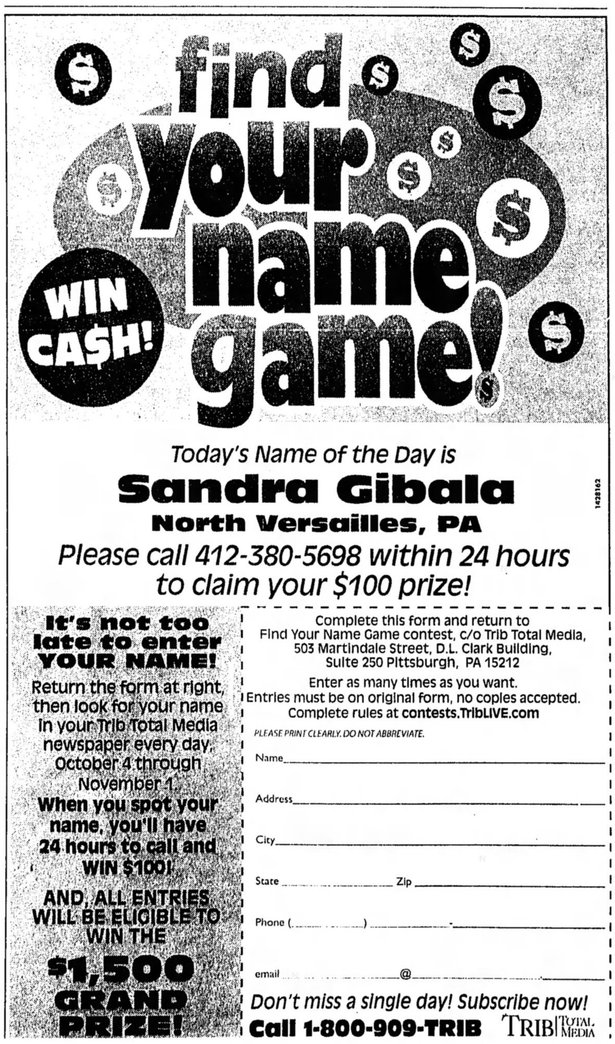
"Having been so intimately involved with many of the land transactions, to have the land, the ground, to me is especially significant."

"Recently I have, in particular over the last few trips out to the site, viewed it through the eye of upcoming changes and tried to appreciate and remember details of what it looks like today," he said.

"It gave us a place to come and to be close to each other and to those we lost. It will always be well-remembered, as well as the people who manned it."

"For the past four years (since the memorial design was selected), we have been working to bring this vision into concrete reality," White said.

"This turning of earth is the first piece of physical change," he added.



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Worried parents scrambling to get kids vaccinated for flu

Doctors and lawmakers share concerns over widespread shortages of vaccine to combat H1N1 flu.

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As the H1N1 virus continues to spread, discontent is mounting among parents, doctors and lawmakers over widespread shortages of the vaccine.

"I'm concerned for my kids," said Nichola Moretti, 35, a Mt. Lebanon mother of two boys with asthma who has been scrambling to get them vaccinated.

"I started calling the day I heard the vaccine was available, and our doctor's office didn't have anything. I have two asthmatic children who last year were hospitalized with viruses. It's a big concern."

Children's Community Pediatrics, the largest group of pediatricians in the region with 110 doctors at 28 locations, said it has received 10,000 doses for its 150,000 patients.

Phones at all locations have been ringing so much that officials are directing parents to the group's Web site for updated information.

"Parents are very concerned," said Kathy Guatteri, the group's executive director.

"A lot of them aren't happy. They are calling continually. They don't understand why we don't have more vaccine."

Although swine flu has hit across the state and providers ordered more than 10 million doses of vaccine, the Pennsylvania Department of Health received only 788,000 doses from the federal government, said spokeswoman Stacy Kriedeman.

Federal officials Tuesday attributed delays to an outdated vaccine production process that uses eggs to grow influenza virus and requires up to nine months to complete.

They, too, expressed frustration but emphasized the vaccine is becoming increasingly available, with 22.4 million doses distributed.

This summer, officials predicted about 100 million doses would be available this month.

"All of us are frustrated that we don't have more vaccine now," said Thomas Frieden, the CDC's director.

"We wish we had vaccine technology that could be quicker."

The H1N1 virus is widespread in 46 states, with most cases among children and young adults. CDC officials reported 95 children died from the illness since April.

Overall, the death toll in the United States has topped 1,000.

The limited supply of H1N1 vaccine drew a flurry of criticism from lawmakers who questioned why some vaccine will not arrive until after the virus infects many people.

"This is frustrating because we gave the private sector everything they said they needed, but they didn't deliver," Rep. Mike Doyle, D-Forest Hills, said about the five suppliers of vaccine, all of them outside the United States.

The holdup should give the government impetus to invest in a national vaccine center that could produce vaccine doses at a quicker pace, Doyle believes.

It is not the first time the government dealt with a flu vaccine shortage.

In 2004, vaccine maker Chiron Corp. caused a public health crisis when it failed to ship 50 million doses from a British factory to the United States.

The Obama administration during the weekend declared a national emergency because the spread of H1N1 can strain health care facilities.

At Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC in Lawrenceville, the emergency room is clogged daily, with up to 100 patients with flu-like symptoms.

The H1N1 virus targets a younger population, and medical authorities say those ages 6 months to 24 years are particularly susceptible.

NEWS

Senate agrees to consider extending jobless benefits

Plan would give people running out of unemployment insurance up to 20 more weeks of federal aid.

By JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — After weeks of political haggling, the Senate agreed Tuesday to take up legislation that would give people running out of unemployment insurance benefits up to 20 more weeks of federal aid.

Senate Democrats, saying that 7,000 people a day are exhausting their benefits, called on their colleagues to move quickly to a final vote. Republicans insisted they get a chance to offer amendments on the benefit bill and other issues.

Also in play was the possibility the bill would be used as a vehicle to extend another policy that has been central to the Obama administration's efforts to revive the economy: an $8,000 tax credit for first-time homebuyers.

The vote was 87-13 to bring the bill to the floor. Sixty votes were needed to pass that procedural hurdle.

The legislation would provide 14 weeks in extra financial aid for everyone exhausting their benefits by the end of the year, and another six weeks for those living in 27 states where the unemployment rate is at least 8.5 percent.

The White House issued a statement in support of extending benefits. "Helping unemployed workers is an effective way to boost the economy and an important part of the administration's broader efforts to move swiftly and aggressively to jump start job creation and grow our economy."

The House passed a less generous benefit extension more than a month ago, but Senate Republicans, at odds with Democrats over what amendments they can offer to the bill, have blocked Senate consideration.

As the Senate voted, Senate leaders were still trying to reach agreement on a formula to extend the homebuyer credit and whether it would be combined with the unemployment bill or brought up separately. The Senate expected to begin taking up amendments on Wednesday.

Various proposals are on the table, including one by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., that would extend the $8,000 tax credit through March 31. The value of the credit would then drop to $6,000, $4,000 and then $2,000 over the next three quarters. Another idea would extend the tax credit to home buyers who already own homes, as long as they have been in those homes for at least seven years.

Democrats are also mulling a plan to extend the ability of money-losing businesses to claim refunds on taxes paid during profitable times up to four years ago.

Republicans, meanwhile, were demanding that they be given a chance to offer amendments on federal aid to the beleaguered community activist group ACORN and on requiring that people receiving unemployment insurance be processed through E-Verify, an Internet-based system that employers use to check on the immigration status of new hires.

Democrats, in floor speeches and news conferences, have voiced frustrations at the delay. "If the American people knew that legislation to help jobless workers pay their bills and purchase necessities was being held up to score political points, they would be outraged," said Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., a leader on the unemployment benefit issue.

Reid calculated that in the three weeks that action on the bill has been stalled nearly 150,000 people have lost their benefits. "To say that I am disappointed is an understatement."

The states normally provide 26 weeks of unemployment benefits, with payments of about $300 a week. Since the beginning of the recession, the federal government has chipped in with added help, and the jobless in those states hardest hit by the economic downturn are now entitled to up to 79 weeks.

Supporters of another extension point out that up to 2 million people are going to run out of benefits by the end of the year and that despite some signs of economic recovery there is still only about one job available for every six job seekers. The unemployment rate is now 9.8 and is expected to top 10 percent before companies begin rehiring.

"A positive GDP is not the answer for people who are looking for work unsuccessfully," said Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I. "They need the benefits of extended unemployment compensation."

The extended benefits would be paid for by dedicating money from the federal unemployment tax, a payroll tax companies pay for individual employees.

Fisher (FROM PAGE ONE)

Fisher said she has taken heat for posting political campaign signs in her yard.

"If you want to back an individual just because they are a Democrat and this is a Democratic area, I find that unconscionable, when you know they have not provided a service to our community that they took an oath to do," she said.

"It is my inalienable right to choose, and that is what I will continue to do. If you believe that I would be intimidated to give up my beliefs to get funds then we are dealing with a sorry lot."

Fisher said her personal life has come under attack.

"Now, some of you are concerned about my love life. You are wondering if I am in love," she said. "To quote a phrase from Sarah Palin, 'You betcha.'"

Fisher referred to lack of support from the township supervisors earlier this year in guaranteeing a loan needed to advance the $20.8 million sewage project.

"The supervisors, at least one or more of them, have a trust issue with me," she said. "Sometimes it is forgotten that the authority is a separate entity from the township. Let's work together sounds good, but it goes two ways. Don't blame the authority board, the engineers or solicitor for any additional costs if the ball is in the township's court.

"I took an oath when I came on this board, and I have lived up to what I swore to. And on that note, I'm going to take my ability, my freedom, my love life and my trust, because I'm going home, and I quit."

A crowd of about 40 residents and board members were shocked as Fisher headed for the door.

As Witherel embraced Fisher, board and audience members pleaded with her not to step down.

"Dee, sit down please," board member Melvin Weiss said.

Board member Gloria Yuschak was stern.

"Boy, I'm disappointed in you," she told Fisher. "That's being childish and immature."

"You don't know how many phone calls I've had and what I've gone through," Fisher said, holding back tears.

Contacted at home after the meeting, Fisher said she feels unappreciated for her efforts to unify board members and focus on completing the sewage project.

"The distractions were outweighing everything we would want to accomplish," she said. "It's been to the point I can't go to sleep at night. It just won't let me alone. The phone calls keep coming."

Fisher said some of the comments about her were made on an Internet blog for residents.

"It's just the anonymous a lot of times," she said. "And the innuendos or handed-down information. It just gets old.

"They're watching my driveway, who drives in and out. It's just like I'm under a microscope. It never stops. Who needs it? I don't take a nickel from them. I've done nothing but contribute, and I thought, 'I just don't need this anymore.'

"You try to make a difference, but I have realized that these people don't want change, some of them.

"I just finally said, 'I've had enough.'"

Fisher wished the board members well.

Her term would have expired at year's end. She was appointed in August 2007 to replace Judy Arrow.

After Fisher's resignation, Board member Bob Campbell took over as chairman.

Yuschak made a motion to request the supervisors reduce the board from nine members to five members. The motion passed unanimously.

Campbell previously announced he would not return next year. His term expires at the end of 2013.

Before her resignation, Fisher reported that the authority's 2008 audit showed 16 deficiencies.

She said all but one was corrected.

"Any security deposits that you do not return and cannot find those people any longer, you must return to the state a list of their names," Fisher said. "So, that will be completed by the end of the year."

Amoroso, who became authority manager earlier this year, said customers are entitled to refunds three years after paying security deposits.

She said security deposit records have for years been hand-written and difficult to track. She said deposits now are logged into a computer.

Amoroso said anyone who might be due a refund should call (724) 929-3370.

The board unanimously passed a motion to accept bids for bulk chemicals used for water treatment.

Campbell said the board has authorized the purchase of $56,133 in chemicals this year.

The board, by law, has to get at least three quotes for expenses from $4,000 to $10,000 and must solicit bids for any expense in excess of $10,000.

The board unanimously passed a motion to accept bids for chemical purchases.

Campbell suggested the board join with other authorities to purchase chemicals at discount rates.

FAA grounds 2 wayward Northwest Airlines pilots

Pilots who overshot Minneapolis by 150 miles last week have 10 days to appeal the decision.

By JOAN LOWY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The two Northwest Airlines pilots who overshot their Minneapolis destination by 150 miles are grounded indefinitely unless the National Transportation Safety Board grants them a reprieve.

The Federal Aviation Administration said Tuesday that it had revoked the licenses of the pilots of Northwest flight 188 — Timothy Cheney of Gig Harbor, Wash., the captain, and Richard Cole of Salem, Ore., the first officer.

The pilots have 10 days to appeal to the three-member National Transportation Safety Board, the same agency that investigates air crashes and makes safety recommendations. If an appeal fails, they can apply for a new license after one year.

The pilots told investigators they were working on their personal laptop computers and lost track of time and place last Wednesday night.

Flight 188 was out of communication for more than an hour during the incident despite repeated attempts by air traffic controllers in two states to reach the airliner, the FAA said in a statement.

Northwest's dispatchers also tried eight times to contact the pilots, without response, the agency said.

The pilots violated numerous federal regulations, including failing to comply with air traffic control instructions and clearances and operating their aircraft carelessly and recklessly, the agency said.

"You engaged in conduct that put your passengers and your crew in serious jeopardy," FAA regional counsel Eddie Thomas wrote Cheney in a letter accompanying the revocation order. "NW188 was without communication with any air traffic control facility and with its company dispatcher for a period of 91 minutes (over 1.5 hours) while you were on a frolic of your own. Failing to comply with ATC clearances or instructions while engaged in air carrier operations is extremely reckless."

A similar letter was sent to Cole.

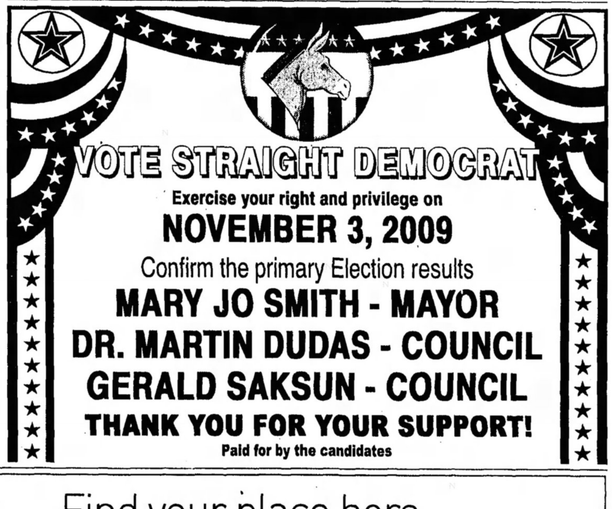
The pilots said they realized they had overshot their destination when a flight attendant contacted them on the aircraft's intercom.

By then, they were over Wisconsin at 37,000 feet.

hey turned the Airbus A320 with its 144 passengers around and landed safely in Minneapolis.

The pilots union at Delta Air Lines, which acquired Northwest last year, declined to comment. Earlier, the union had cautioned against a rush to judgment.

The pilots told investigators who interviewed them on Sunday that they had no previous accidents or safety incidents.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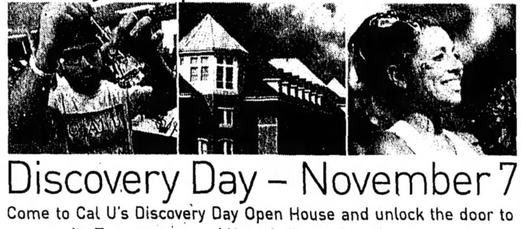
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TV LISTINGS

Woman's predatory boss eager to score again

DEAR ABBY: I attended a business-related function with my boss and some co-workers. I had way too much to drink and ended up having sex with my boss. (He offered me a ride to my car and took advantage of me.)

If I had been sober, it would never have happened.

Since then, my boss continues to pursue me even though I have made it clear that it was a mistake and something I truly regret.

I have no interest in this man. He is married, and it sickens me every time I think about it. I am too ashamed to discuss this with anyone, but my boss won't leave me alone. Please tell me what I should do. — **EMBARRASSED IN CHICAGO**

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Your boss is acting like a sexual predator, and has from the beginning. If you haven't been documenting his harassment, begin to do so immediately. And if anyone has seen him put the moves on you, so much the better.

You should also discuss this with an attorney, and because you are "embarrassed," make it a woman.

DEAR ABBY: My brother "Eric's" car was destroyed in a natural disaster four years ago.

His insurance company paid for the loss, but he never replaced the car.

For the next two years he borrowed one from another family member until she finally put a stop to it.

For the last two years Eric has been using one of mine.

It started out as a temporary loan, but now he acts like I gave it to him.

I still pay for its upkeep and insurance, because if I didn't, Eric wouldn't. I have offered to sell it to him for a reasonable price, but every time I mention it he comes up with an excuse.

I feel used. How do I tell my brother I want my car back without stepping on anyone's toes? We are a close family, and I'm afraid he'll hold a grudge if I tell him how I feel.

He and his wife have full-time, well-paying jobs. My husband and I have two other vehicles, so I don't need the other one desperately.

I just hate seeing it used and abused like this.

Should I feel guilty about wanting my wheels back? — **USED UP IN THE SOUTH**

DEAR USED UP: No, you shouldn't — and your signature speaks volumes. Now pick up the phone and call your insurance agent. It is possible that because you are the legal owner of that vehicle, you could be responsible for any damage that your brother might cause while driving it.

You have been a wonderful and generous sister for having allowed him to use it for as long as he has.

Because you're having trouble finding the words to tell Eric that you want him to stand on his own two feet and provide his own transportation, ask the relative who loaned him the last one to let you borrow her script.

DEAR ABBY: I am regularly invited out to eat by either of two friends, both of whom are very wealthy. I have noticed that neither one leaves a 15 percent tip. They usually leave 10 or 12 percent.

I feel uncomfortable when they don't leave a server what I consider to be the minimum appropriate tip. Would it be OK for me to add to the tip they are leaving? I don't want to offend them. Please advise. — **RED-FACED IN RICHMOND, CALIF.**

DEAR RED-FACED: If you can find a way to do it discreetly, without embarrassing your host, I am sure your generosity would be appreciated by the server.

(Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.)

WEDNESDAY EVENING — OCTOBER 28, 2009

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS	(2) KDKA-TV News at Six (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 6	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric (7) Entertainment (10) Inside	(2) The Insider (N) (7) Inside Edition (10) Two and a Half Men	The New Adventures of Old Christine Tiring reputation.	Gary Unmarried "Gary Uses His Veto" Extracurricular activities.	Criminal Minds "Conflicted" Serial killer targeting coeds on spring break.		CSI: NY "The Triangle" The team must investigate a billionaire's disappearance.		(2) KDKA-TV News at 11 (7) News (10) WTAJ News at 11	(:35) Late Show With David Letterman Patrick Dempsey; Sting. (N)		(:37) The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Madeleine Albright; Rodrigo y Gabriela. (N)		(2) (:37) Extra (7) (:37) The Dr. Oz Show (10) (:37) Paid Program	(2) (:07) Internet Millions (10) (:07) Paid Program	(2) (:37) Paid Program (7) (10) (:37) Up to the Minute (N)
ABC	(4) Action News at 6 (23) Deal No	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight (23) Wheel of Fortune	It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown	The Middle Mike tries to help Brick. (N)	Modern Family Lily gets a bump on the head.	Cougar Town Breaking up with Josh. (N)	(:01) Eastwick The town embraces its heritage with an old-fashioned witch burning at Halloween. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (23) News	(:35) Nightline (N)	(12:06) Jimmy Kimmel Live Atticus Shaffer; Flyleaf. (N)		(4) (:06) Oprah Winfrey (23) (:06) Paid Program	(23) (:37) Paid Program	(4) (:06) Paid Program (23) (:07) Jerry Springer (N)	(4) (:36) Channel 4 Action News at 11
NBC	(6) WJAC-TV News at 6 PM (N) (9) News (N) (11) Channel 11 News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N) (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune	Monsters vs. Aliens: Mutant Pumpkins From Outer Space (N)	Monsters vs. Aliens: Mutant Pumpkins From Outer Space	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Spooked" Murder victim is connected to a drug cartel. (N)		The Jay Leno Show Chelsea Handler; Brian Williams. (N)		(6) WJAC-TV News (9) News (11) News	(:35) The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien Lindsey Vonn; Uncle Kracker. (N)		(:37) Late Night With Jimmy Fallon Edward Norton; Hulk Hogan; "Weird Al" Yankovic. (N)		(:36) Last Call With Carson Daly Derek Luke. (N)	(:05) Poker After Dark Tom Dwan; Kenny Tran; Phil Laak; Antonio Esfandiari; Phil Hellmuth; Bob Safai.	
FOX	(8) Seinfeld (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) The Simpsons (53) My Name Is Earl	(8) That '70s Show (53) Two and a Half Men	MLB Baseball World Series, Game 1 -- Philadelphia Phillies at New York Yankees. From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y. (Live)						(8) To Be Announced (53) Seinfeld "The Beard"	(8) (:05) Everybody Loves Raymond (53) Seinfeld	(8) (:35) Seinfeld (53) My Name Is Earl	(8) Star Trek: The Next Generation (53) Frasier	(53) Paid Program	(8) (:05) Paid Program (53) Paid Program	(8) (:35) Paid Program (53) Paid Program	(8) (:05) Paid Program (53) George Lopez	(8) Paid Prog (53) House of Payne
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	OnQ	The Botany of Desire Four species -- apple, tulip, marijuana and potato -- satisfy human yearnings. (N)				Art in the Twenty-First Century "Systems" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		OnQ	Smart Travels: Europe	The Botany of Desire Four species -- apple, tulip, marijuana and potato -- satisfy human yearnings.			
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		The Office "The Coup"	The Office	America's Next Top Model "Let's Go Surfing" (N)		The Vampire Diaries "Lost Girls"		10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Everybody-Raymond	Malcolm In the Middle	According to Jim	King of the Hill	South Park	Mike Tomlin Show	Paid Program	Roseanne
(22) WPMY	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	Family Guy	The Unit		The Unit "Unannounced"		Channel 11 News		Star Trek: Next Gener.		Fast Cash	Baby Read	Bernie Mac	My Wife	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4 "God at Work"		Diary of Revival		Dawn Hall	Aspiring	With Arlene	Quick Study	Nwswtch	The Place for	Miracles	Theater	Focus 4		Gospel	Tripp
(59) WBGN	Punk'd	Sports Talk	Sports Talk		The FBI Files		Laguna	RENO 911!	The FBI Files		Cheaters	Laguna	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	CSI: Miami		Criminal Minds		Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Extreme Paranormal		Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog
ABCFAM	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	'70s Show	'70s Show	★★ "Hocus Pocus" (1993, Comedy) Bette Midler.				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Paid Prog	Paid Prog
AMC	★★ "Halloween 5: The Revenge of Michael Myers"				★ "House on Haunted Hill" (1999) Geoffrey Rush.				"Return to House on Haunted Hill" (2007)		(:45) ★ "Exorcist: The Beginning" (2004) Stellan Skarsgard.						(:15) ★ "Bride of Chucky"	
ANPL	Night	Night	Stealth Hunters		Untamed and Uncut		Headline Attacks		River Monsters		Untamed and Uncut		Headline Attacks		River Monsters		Stealth Hunters	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen		BBC World News America		Kitchen Nightmares		Mary, Queen of Shops (N)		BBC World News America		Kitchen Nightmares		Mary, Queen of Shops		Kitchen Nightmares		Mary, Queen of Shops	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live		Top 10 countdown. (Live)		★ "Bait" (2000, Action) Jamie Foxx. Premiere.				First In (N)	First In	The Mo'Nique Show (N)		The Wendy Williams Show		★ "Bait" (2000, Action) Jamie Foxx, David Morse.			
BRAVO	Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas (h)		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: Las Vegas		Top Chef: LasiVegas		Million Dollar Listing	
CMT	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition				Smarter	Smarter	★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989)				Comedy	Comedy	Smarter	Smarter	★★ "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989)			
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow Report		Biography on CNBC		American Greed		American Greed		Mad Money		American Greed		American Greed		Paid Prog	Paid Prog
CNN	Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	(4:30) Duplex	RENO 911!	Daily Show	Colbert	Scrubs	Jeff Dunham	South Park	Michael	South Park	Girlfriend	Daily Show	Colbert	South Park	Girlfriend	Futurama	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama
CSPAN	(5:00) House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters (N)		Time Warp Crushing cars.		MythBusters		MythBusters		Time Warp Crushing cars.		Cash Cab	Cash Cab
DISNEY	Phineas-Ferb	Zack & Cody	Wizards	Montana	"Return to Halloweentown" (2006)			Phineas-Ferb	Phineas-Ferb	Montana	Wizards	That's-Raven	Life Derek	Cory	Replace	Kim Possible	Emperor	Dragon
E!	True Hollywood Story		E! News (N)	The Daily 10	12 Sexiest Vegas Jobs		Jenna Jameson: The E! True Hollywood Story				Chelsea	E! News	Chelsea	Girls	Celebrity Plastic Surgery		Girls	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter (Live)		NBA Shootaround		NBA Basketball New Orleans Hornets at San Antonio Spurs. (Live)					NBA Basketball	Utah Jazz at Denver Nuggets. (Live)				SportsCenter (Live)		SportsCenter (Live)	
ESPNC	College Football		Can't Blame	Can't Blame	Boxing: 2000 Diaz vs. Weis		Boxing		Boxing: 1971 Ali vs. Blin		American Gladiators		American Gladiators		Boxing		Boxing	
ESPN2	Horn	Interruption	Football Live	NFL Live	2009 World Series of Poker		2009 World Series of Poker		2009 World Series of Poker		SportsCenter (Live)		Baseball	NFL Live (N)	SportsNation		NBA Basketball	
EWTN	Catholic	Theology	Daily Mass: Our Lady		EWTN Live		Super Saints	Holy Rosary	A Parents Guide		Faith-Culture	Heritage	Daily Mass: Our Lady		EWTN Live		Letter-Spirit	Marriage
FNC	Special Report		FOX Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor (N)		Hannity (N)		On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity		On the Record		Glenn Beck	
FOOD	Cooking	Minute	Challenge "Cookies"		Extreme Sweets		Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Dinner: Impossible (N)		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Dinner: Impossible		Good Eats	Unwrapped
FSN	Raw Tapes	Penguins Faceoff (Live)		NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Pittsburgh Penguins. (Live)					Penguins	Final Score	NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Pittsburgh Penguins.				Final Score	Hooters Uncovered		Final Score
FX	(5:30) ★★ "Premonition" (2007)		★★ "I, Robot" (2004, Science Fiction) Will Smith, Bridget Moynahan.						Nip/Tuck (N)		Nip/Tuck		Sunny	Sunny	'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid Prog	Paid Prog
GOLF	Golf Central	Top 10	The Golf Fix	Quest for the Card		Top 10	Big Break Disney Golf		PGA Champ. Highlights		Tee It	Golf Central	Big Break Disney Golf		European PGA Tour Golf: Barclays Singapore Open			
GSN	Newlywed	Catch 21	Deal or No Deal		Family Feud	Family Feud	Newlywed	Catch 21	Millionaire	Lingo	Deal or No Deal		Be a Millionaire		Jeopardy!	Hollywood	Pyramid	Pyramid
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Touched by an Angel		★★ "My Favorite Martian" (1999) Christopher Lloyd.				Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Cheers	Cheers
HGTV	To Sell	Beyond Box	House	House	Property	Property	House	Income Prop.	House	Renovation	Haulin	First Place	House	Income Prop.	House	Renovation	Haulin	First Place
HIST	Hooked: Illegal Drugs		Modern Marvels Butchers.		MonsterQuest		The Real Wolfman Investigating lycanthropy. (N)				MonsterQuest		(12:01) MonsterQuest		(:01) The Real Wolfman Investigating lycanthropy.			
LIFE	Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		★★ "Practical Magic" (1998) Sandra Bullock.				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Medium		Medium		Paid Prog
MSNBC	The Ed Show (N)		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		The Rachel Maddow Show	
MTV	Disaster	Parental	World's Strictest Parents		"My Super Psycho Sweet Sixteen" (2009) Julianna Guill.				Real World-Road Rules		Real World-Road Rules		Nitro Circus	Nitro Circus	Ultimate Parkour Challenge		Real World-Road Rules	
NICK	iCarly "iPie"	The Troop	iCarly	SpongeBob	Malcolm	Malcolm	Hates Chris	Hates Chris	Lopez	Lopez	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	The Nanny	Lopez	Lopez	Roseanne	Roseanne
OXY	Snapped		★★ "The Bodyguard" (1992) Kevin Costner, Whitney Houston.						★★ "The Bodyguard" (1992) Kevin Costner, Whitney Houston.				The Tyra Show		The Tyra Show		Snapped	Snapped
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SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		The Ultimate Fighter (N)		The Ultimate Fighter		Prisoners Out of Control		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	
SYFY	(5:00) "Ogre" (2008)		Ghost Hunters "Old Jail"		Ghost Hunters		Ghost Hunters (N)		Destination Truth (N)		Ghost Hunters		Destination Truth		"Legion of the Dead" (2005, Horror) Courtney Clonch.			
TBS	Seinfeld	The Office	Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	House-Payne	House-Payne	House-Payne	House-Payne	Meet-Browns	Meet-Browns	House-Payne	House-Payne	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	★★ "I Am Sam" (2001, Drama) Sean Penn.			
TCM	★★★ "Alfie" (1966) Michael Caine.				★★★ "Targets" (1968) Boris Karloff, Tim O'Kelly.				★★★ "Harold and Maude" (1971) Bud Cort.				★★★ "Easy Riders, Raging Bulls" (2003)				(:15) ★★★ "Easy Rider"	
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TNT	Law & Order		Bones		Bones		Bones		Leverage		Dark Blue "Ice"		Leverage		Dark Blue "Ice"		Cold Case	
TOON	"Scooby-Doo and the Goblin King" (2008)		"Scooby-Doo!		The Mystery Begins" (2009)	Kate Melton		Goosebumps	King of Hill	King of Hill	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Hungerforce	Stroker-Hoop	Awesome	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAVEL	Extreme Towns		Extreme Competitions		America Haunts 3 (N)		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Ghost	America Haunts 3		Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food	Man v. Food
TRUTV	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Most Daring		Most Daring		Most Shocking		Forensic	Forensic	Most Daring		Most Daring		Most Shocking	
TVLAND	Little House on the Prairie		Bonanza		Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Cosby Show	Cosby Show
USA	NCIS "Boxed In"		NCIS "One Shot, One Kill"		NCIS "Road Kill"		NCIS "Love & War"		NCIS "Bounce"		★★ "2 Fast 2 Furious" (2003, Action) Paul Walker.		In Plain Sight				★ "Out of Reach" (2004)	
VH1	40 Hottest Hotties of the '90s Sexiest celebrities.				Tool Academy		Real Chance of Love		Real Chance of Love			Master P	My Antonio		Tool Academy		Women, Sunset Strip	
VS.	Motorsports Hour		Sports	Sports Soup	WEC's Greatest Knockouts		World Extreme Cagefighting				WEC's Greatest Knockouts		World Extreme Cagefighting				Sports	Sports Soup
WE	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Ghost Whisperer		20/20 "Trapped"		20/20 "Stranger Danger"		20/20 "The Final Verdict"		60 Minutes		The Locator	The Locator	Ghost Whisperer		The Locator	The Locator
WGN	Becker	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		★★★ "Gremlins" (1984, Fantasy) Zach Galligan.				WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	South Park	South Park	Star Trek: Next Gener.		The Bob & Tom Show	
ENC	★★★ "Back to the Future" (1985) Michael J. Fox.				★★ "Assassins" (1995, Action) Sylvester Stallone.				(:15) ★★ "The Running Man" (1987, Science Fiction)				★★★ "Apocalypto" (2006) Rudy Youngblood, Raoul Trujillo.					The Grand
HBO	★★ "Get Smart" (2008, Comedy) Steve Carell.				★★★★ "Milk" (2008) Sean Penn, Emile Hirsch.				Where	Curb-Enthsm	(:05) Wanda Sykes: I'm a Be Me			(:35) Schmatta: Rags to Riches to Rags			Cathouse	Harold
MAX	(:15) ★★ "Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins" (2008)				(:15) ★ "Exit Wounds" (2001) Steven Seagal, DMX.				★★★ "Burn After Reading" (2008)			(:35) ★★★ "The Incredible Hulk" (2008) Liv Tyler				Life on Top	Forbidden	Dancing
SHOW	(5:55) ★★★ "3:10 to Yuma" (2007) Russell Crowe. iTV.				Lock 'n Load	Lock 'n Load	Inside the NFL (N)		Dexter "Dirty Harry" (iTV)		Inside the NFL (iTV)		Californ	Lock 'n Load	★★ "Beer League" (2006) Artie Lange.		Basketball	
STARZ	★ "88 Minutes" (2007) Al Pacino, Alicia Witt.				(7:50) "Underworld: Rise of the Lycans"		(:25) ★★ "Hancock" (2008) Will Smith.				Crash "Can't Explain"		(11:55) ★★ "Quarantine" (2008)		(:25) "Underworld: Rise of the Lycans"			
TMC	Desert	"The Nail: The Story of Joey Nardone"			"Stiletto" (2008) Tom Berenger, Michael Biehn.				★ "Good Luck Chuck" (2007)			(:40) "Day of the Dead" (2008, Horror)			(:10) "Forbidden Fantasies" (2005)			Exit Speed

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83% of new grads say benefits are their top priority in accepting a job.

Source: Yahoo! HotJobs college survey, May 2007

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NEWS

MAKING THE GRADE

Charleroi Lions honor Meharey

The Charleroi Lions Club named Zachary Meharey as its October student of the month.

Meharey

A senior honors student at Charleroi Area High School, he has received the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award.

He is active with the National Honor Society, gifted program, student forum, class executive committee, Spanish Club, Engineering Club, Make-A-Wish, SADD and Ski Club.

He received the Challenge Program highest class grade-point average award twice and the Tribune Review Outstanding Young Citizen Award.

A KDKA Hometown High Q semi-finalist, he is listed in Who's Who Among Honor Students.

He serves as football captain, Gifted Program president, Academic League team captain, Hometown High Q team captain, Relay for Life online committee chairman, JDRF Walkathon captain and JDRF youth ambassador.

The son of Janice and Daniel Meharey, of Fallowfield Township, he plans to attend college.

Brooks honored

University of Virginia junior Ben Brooks received intermediate honors, the highest cumulative academic award.

Brooks

It recognizes excellence over the first two years at the university.

He is the son of Michele Mazzei and Scott Brooks, of Silver Spring, Md.

A 2007 Gonzaga College High School graduate in Washington, D.C., he is pursuing a degree in biomedical engineering. He is the grandson of Frank and Mildred Mazzei, of Belle Vernon.

MONONGAHELA AREA LIBRARY

The Monongahela Area Library has received the following:

Andrew Salminin

"Law of Nines," by Terry Goodkind, presented by Mary Walter.

"Catching Fire," by Suzanne Collins, and "The First Year of the Flood," by Margaret Atwood, presented by Roberta Bloom.

"Elements and the Periodic Table," by Suzanne Slade; "The Structure of Atoms," by Suzanne Slade; and "Tim Berners-Lee," by Stephanie Sammartino McPherson, presented by Marjorie B. Bloom.

"Daring Missions of World War II," by William B. Breuer, presented by Roberta Cordner.

When you Make the Grade

When submitting news items for our Making the Grade feature, please include the first and last names of all listed.

In addition, include a telephone number, just in case we have any questions about your submission.

Brownsville couple wins $1M

Joy and Alvin Thompson scored big win during recent Florida vacation.

By PAUL PEIRCE
For The Valley Independent
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A Fayette County couple visiting family along the Gulf Coast of Florida will bring home a rare souvenir — a $1 million scratch-off ticket prize.

After winning the lottery prize last weekend, Joy Thompson, 59, and her husband, Alvin, 61, of Brownsville, detoured from their vacation plans to the state capital, Tallahassee, to cash in the winning ticket, according to Florida Lottery officials.

Joy Thompson opted for a lump-sum payment of $650,000 at lottery headquarters.

Thompson and her husband were on their way to visit family near Fort Myers when they stopped at Lawhon's Grocery in North Fort Myers.

It was at that store where they purchased the winning Billion Dollar Blockbuster game ticket, lottery officials said.

"I always play the Florida Lottery when we visit, but this is the first time I've ever won," Joy Thompson told lottery officials when she cashed in the winning ticket earlier this week.

Attempts to reach the Thompsons for comment Tuesday were unsuccessful.

According to lottery officials, the $20 scratch-off game offers the highest cash payout of any game in that state lottery's 21-year history.

The Billion Dollar game began Feb. 24 and features more than $1 billion in prizes, including 10 instant-win prizes of $10 million and 120 instant-win prizes of $1 million.

Thompson is the 18th person to claim one of the $1 million prizes.

Only one of the $10 million prizes has been awarded, lottery officials said.

To date, the game has awarded more than $145 million in prizes.

Joy and Alvin Thompson, of Brownsville, won $1 million during their recent Florida vacation.

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NEWS

Bushy Run facing new struggle

Volunteers who came to park's rescue during state budget crisis want to control the money they raise.

By JENNIFER REEGER
For The Valley Independent
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When the Bushy Run Battlefield Visitors Center and Museum closes for the season on Sunday, the volunteers who kept the site open throughout the state budget crisis likely will still be without a contract with the state to allow them to take over operations full-time.

Jean Loughry, president of the Bushy Run Battlefield Heritage Society, said the group is trying to work out financial aspects of the contract with the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

"The main thing is the money that we raise, what happens to it?" Loughry said. "Will we be allowed to spend it as we want it, or does it still have to be approved by the state? That's our main issue. We want to control our own money."

In the spring, the commission announced Bushy Run was one of six historical sites in the state that would need to change its operations due to proposed budget cuts. The Heritage Society was tapped in June by the museum commission to take over the visitors center and museum at Bushy Run, which is located in Penn Township. A written agreement between the state and the society was to be drawn up to formalize the relationship.

The historical site, the only recognized American Indian battlefield in Pennsylvania, commemorates the victory of British troops over Indian forces in 1763, preventing Fort Pitt from being captured and opening lines of communication between the East and the frontier.

Since August, when the state temporarily closed five historical sites due to layoffs, Bushy Run remained open through the efforts of volunteers who stepped forward to run the day-to-day operations of the museum and visitors center even without the agreement.

Commission spokesman Kirk Wilson said although the state budget was passed earlier this month, the commission is taking the time to analyze its budget cuts and determine how to move forward.

"We did receive less money than we anticipated," Wilson said, adding the commission lost about $6 million over last fiscal year. "We're taking a look at our entire operation."

The delay means the heritage society, which has raised about $11,300 since the spring, has held off on holding any major fundraisers until the agreement is signed with the state and they know where the money will go, Loughry said.

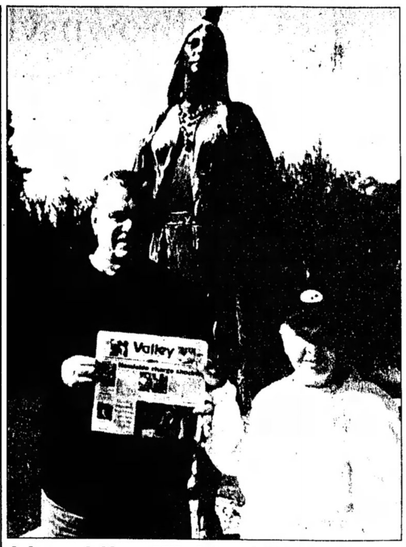
In the meantime, the group's annual Haunted Hayride was a huge success.

They sold all 300 tickets in two days.

Membership, which was around 200 before the crisis began, stands at more than 550 now.

The volunteers have been keeping the museum open on its normal days and times.

They'll remain open Sunday, even though the visitors center typically closes each year on Oct. 31, Loughry said.



John and Clare Mihalek, of Charleroi, took *The Valley Independent* on vacation to Jamestown, Va., where they posed in front of a statue of Pocahontas.

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Friendship Hill Fort Necessity set winter hours

Visitor facilities at Fort Necessity National Battlefield and Friendship Hill National Historic Site will operate under winter hours.

The Fort Necessity and the National Road Heritage Corridor Interpretive and Education Center will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

The adjacent Mount Washington Tavern will be closed Nov. 2 through April 2.

Braddock's Grave is open to foot traffic year-round. Vehicles access will be dependent upon weather.

Jumonville Glen will be closed Nov. 1 through May 1. The picnic area at Fort Necessity is closed Nov. 1 through April 14.

The Historic Gallatin House at Friendship Hill National Historic Site near Point Marion will be open Saturdays and Sundays from Nov. 1 through April 2.

The park grounds will be open sunrise to sunset.

The Mount Washington Tavern and Gallatin House will be available for group programs with a one-week notice through the winter.

Both parks will be closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday and George Washington's Birthday.

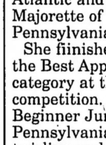
On Veterans Day, Fort Necessity National Battlefield will honor military veterans, U.S. armed forces personnel and their families by providing free park admission.

For information on Fort Necessity, call (724) 329-5512 or visit www.nps.gov/fone.

For information on Friendship Hill, call (724) 725-9190 or visit www.nps.gov/frhi.

MAKING THE GRADE

Burnworth strut champ



Burnworth

Sami Jo Burnworth finished first in strutting at the Beginner Junior Miss Majorette of America Pageant in July at the University of Notre Dame. She previously participated in Twirl Mania at Walt Disney World in Orlando, the State Championships, Miss Majorette of North Atlantic and Miss Majorette of Pennsylvania.

She fiinished first in the Best Appearing category at the state competition. She is the Beginner Junior Pennsylvania State Solo twirling and strut champion.

She won the Twirling Unlimited Intermediate Regional Pageant and is the Beginner Junior Miss Majorette of Pennsylvania.

She represents the United States as Beginner Junior Miss Majorette of America.

She is a member of the Modernettes, which represented the United States in April at the World Baton Twirling Championships in Belgium. The team won gold in the Show Corps event and silver in the pom-pon division.

A Ringgold High School freshman, she is a member of the Ringgold Dalls and is active with the marching band.

She is the daughter of Jody and Tom Burnworth and the granddaughter of JoAnn Williams, all of Monongahela.

IN THE SERVICE

Vargo completes basic training

Vargo

U.S. Army National Guard recruit Brad Vargo completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

Following graduation from Charleroi Area High School, he will undergo advanced infantry training at Fort Lee, Va.

He is the son of Samuel and Bernicky Vargo, of Charleroi.

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World Series starts tonight

The Phillies and Yankees will play for baseball's biggest prize starting tonight in the Bronx. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

Craft of the Week

Cable knits, like this "comfy ribbed cable," are easy to learn. **5B**

Drug use admitted

Tennis star Andre Agassi says he used crystal meth in 1997. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Which two former Pittsburgh Pirates are on this year's World Series teams? **2B**

Last night's games

Washington 4, Philadelphia 2
Colorado 3, Edmonton 0
Detroit 5, Vancouver 4

Brian **HERMAN**

Wallace nice catch for Steelers

Wallace

Thinking out loud:

■ Mel Blount, Jon Kolb, Mike Merriweather, Bubby Brister, Neil O'Donnell, Joel Steed, Jason Gildon, Hines Ward, Joey Porter and Max Starks.

They rank among the best players to ever get drafted in the third round by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

You may be able to add another name to that list from the 2009 draft.

If you haven't guessed I'm referring to Mike Wallace, the speedy pass catcher from Mississippi.

The 84th player selected in the draft, Wallace has been a pleasant surprise and heads this year's rookie class.

One of the team's biggest question marks going into the 2009 season was who was going to replace Nate Washington as the No. 3 wide receiver behind Ward and Santonio Holmes.

After catching 40 passes for 631 yards and three touchdowns in his fourth year with Pittsburgh, Washington opted for free agency and signed with Tennessee.

So far Wallace has been doing a pretty good job of making fans forget Washington with 21 receptions for 368 yards and two touchdowns.

Washington, meanwhile, has 18 catches for 150 yards and three scores in six games for the winless Titans.

■ Speaking of the Steelers, wondering how third-year coach Mike Tomlin's record compares to that of his predecessor, Bill Cowher?

Tomlin's regular season record after 39 games is 27-12 while Cowher was 25-14 at the same time.

Tomlin also has a 3-1 post-season mark, highlighted by the 27-23 Super Bowl XLIII victory over Arizona.

Cowher, meanwhile, was 0-2 in his first two post-season tests with losses at home to Buffalo and in overtime in Kansas City.

■ A year ago the PSAC scheduled 10th games for all its football teams through 2011.

Ironically, the Vulcans' 10th game in 2009 is Nov. 7 at Shippensburg. It will also be for the PSAC championship because Shippensburg stunned No. 3 Bloomsburg, 28-27, in the final minute in their East Division showdown last week

The win moved Ship from sixth to second in the Super Region One ranking behind West Liberty State, which upset previously No. 2 Charleston.

Bloomsburg slipped from first to third with California fourth, Bentley fifth and Edinboro sixth.

The top two teams get first round byes and are home for their initial contests.

■ And thanks to Galvie Gardner, of California, who says some people think they are generous because they give free advice!

Missed opportunities

Charleroi girls can't find the net in 1-0 playoff loss to Springdale.

By BILL HUGHES
For The Valley Independent

All season long, Charleroi soccer coach George Watkins preached to his team about the importance of finishing opportunities.

The Cougars' problems with finishing on scoring chances cost them a better playoff seed.

Tuesday night, when it mattered most in a first-round playoff contest, the Cougars missed several scoring chances in their 1-0 loss at Section 2 champion Springdale.

"We had some golden chances inside, but couldn't do it," said Watkins. "Springdale had one chance and put the opportunity away."

That one chance came with 6:31 remaining in the first half and Ryan Francis scored his 24th goal of the season.

"You have to give it to them," Watkins said. "They are a great team, but we played right with them.

Our kids played unbelievable from the back to the front. Each of our kids gave everything they had."

Watkins said none of his players left anything on the field.

> "We had some golden chances inside, but couldn't do it. Springdale had one chance and put the opportunity away."
>
> Charleroi coach George Watkins

"The kids played like it was the last game that they would ever play," Watkins said. "I feel bad for our four seniors, but their future is still to come."

With only losing four players, Watkins said that the Cougars' future is bright.

"We are young," he said. "I look for great things the next few years."

The Cougars were blanked in five of their losses.

Springdale (13-1-3) advances to the quarterfinals against Section 3 co-champion Sewickley Academy (11-6-2) at Mars.

Canevin 4, Bentworth 0

Matt Durbin had two goals for the Crusaders (13-6), who scored three goals in the opening eight minutes of the second half.

The Bearcats (9-8-2) were shut out six times.

Associated Press

Pittsburgh's Chris Kunitz, center, collides with New Jersey goalie Martin Brodeur, lower right, and defenseman Johnny Oduya in the third period of Saturday's game.

Kunitz stuck in slump

Penguins' winger hasn't scored a goal in 11 games this season.

By JOSH YOHE
For The Valley Independent

There are goal-scoring droughts, funks, slumps and skids.

And then there is what Chris Kunitz is enduring.

The Pittsburgh Penguins left wing has yet to register a goal in 11 games this season and has only scored once in his past 40 outings. Kunitz might be down on himself, but the Penguins are certainly supporting him.

"There is no excuse for it," Kunitz said. "I feel like I'm playing well, and being streaky is something I've been through over the years. But, like I said, there's no excuse for it."

If the Penguins are growing frustrated with Kunitz, they aren't showing it. He has played with captain Sidney Crosby and right wing Bill Guerin in each of those 40 games, and there is no indication the Penguins are considering making a change to their top unit.

"He's going to be fine," Guerin said.

Crosby, widely considered the best playmaking center in hockey, has not recorded an assist on a linemate's even-strength goal all season.

"All three of us want the line to be successful," Guerin said. "We know what we have to do. We just have to keep working."

Guerin is the team's oldest player and often the locker room's voice of wisdom.

Does he have any advice for Kunitz?

"Slumps are tough," he said. "Trust me, I've been through them many times. If a guy wants to talk, I'm always here to talk. I understand what he's going through, and I think he'll work it out on his own."

Kunitz is without question a streaky point producer.

After being traded to the Penguins along with prospect Eric Tangradi for defenseman Ryan Whitney in February, Kunitz produced five goals and

(See KUNITZ, Page 2B)

Pink-outs planned at BVA, Monessen

Schools will participate in breast cancer awareness event Friday.

Expect to see a lot of pink at high school football games Friday at Monessen's Memorial Stadium and Belle Vernon Area's James Weir Stadium.

They will be among the sites participating in a "Pink Out" as a way to raise funds and awareness to fight breast cancer.

Monessen, which has clinched at least a tie for the Tri-County South Conference title, will be hosting California with Belle Vernon Area entertaining Elizabeth Forward in a Big 7 Conference contest.

The Greyhounds and Leps will both be in the playoffs next week.

Monessen will be hosting a game, with BVA playing away.

At Monessen, cheerleaders will sell cancer awareness ribbon buttons at the two ticket booths, the main gate on Rostraver Street and at the top of of the stadium in the Monessen Elementary Center parking lot.

The ribbon buttons will also be sold in the stadium during the game.

At Belle Vernon, Senior Recognition Night is scheduled with all senior football and cheerleader moms receiving a white flower with a pink ribbon.

The middle school cheerleaders will be at the gates prior to the game collecting donations.

Players in both games will be wearing pink stickers on their helmets.

Last hole sinks Lustig in PIAA event

BVA junior settles for third-place tie after double bogey on 18th.

If Belle Vernon Area High's Bo Lustig wants to win a PIAA golf championship, he'll have to wait another year.

The Lep junior came close Tuesday at the Heritage Hills Golf Resort in York.

A double bogey on the last hole ended up knocking him out of a title playoff with West Allegheny sophomore Garrett Browning.

Bo Lustig

After missing short birdie putts on the 16th and 17th holes, Lustig thought he needed a birdie on the 471-yard 18th hole and pulled his tee shot into the water.

"I wish I could play No. 18 again," said Lustig, who closed with a second straight 73. "I played great the entire round until the final hole. I would have liked to have ended on a better note."

Browning, who finished two groups after Lustig, closed with a 144 to edge Lower Merion's Greg Jarmas by one stroke.

Browning, who shot 75 yesterday, became the first sophomore to win the event in 15 years.

Lustig tied for third with Council Rock North's Brandon Dalinka and Scranton Prep's Nicholas Reach.

Latrobe's Ben Gjebre, the WPIAL champ, had two double bogeys and a bogey on the final home to finish at 148.

Latrobe won the team title with a 609, followed by Erie Cathedral Prep (616), Parkland (636) and Scranton Prep (647).

SPORTS

Series foes similar

Yankees and Phillies have a lot in common.

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Even before the first pitch, this World Series seems souped up.

Stocked full of honed home run hitters, powerful pitchers and frenzied fans — plus a fast-talking shortstop fond of forecasting future results — the New York Yankees and Philadelphia Phillies generated a Fall Classic of talk ahead of tonight's opener.

"I think we mirror each other," Yankees star Alex Rodriguez said Tuesday. "They have switch-hitters, just like us. They have power, just like us."

So let the mighty matchup begin: Philadelphia, defending just its second World Series title, against the moneyed, much-admired and much-hated team that often sets baseball's standards for success and excess.

"Obviously they have a lot of the star power in their lineup and all the hype that goes along with being Yankees," Ryan Howard said. "We're from Philadelphia."

New York may be a heavy favorite in Las Vegas, but players on both sides predict a close Series, perhaps ending a record run of five straight that have ended in sweeps or five games.

Both teams worked out Tuesday in the mist of $1.5 billion new Yankee Stadium, where two freshly painted logos were in foul territory in honor of the ballpark's first World Series. Still standing across the street, covered in black mesh as if a ghost, is its 86-year-old predecessor, awaiting demolition after hosting a record 100 Series games.

CC Sabathia, 3-0 with a 1.19 ERA in his first postseason with the Yankees, starts tonight for New York against former Cleveland teammate Cliff Lee, 2-0 with an 0.74 ERA for the Phillies. The latest-opening World Series ever, one that will stretch into November for only the second time, begins with a rematch of the April 16 ballpark opener, won by the Indians 10-2.

Associated Press

CC Sabathia will start for the Yankees in Game 1 of the World Series tonight.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," Sabathia said.

George Steinbrenner, New York's 79-year-old owner, was expected at the stadium he built for the first time since opening day. First Lady Michelle Obama also planned to be on hand in a celebrity-filled crowd wondering whether the Yankees are on the way to a 27th title — and first since 2000.

Teammates 16 months ago, Lee and Sabathia texted each other often in the runup. Sabathia won the 2007 AL Cy Young Award with the Indians, and was followed by Lee last year.

"I think we made each other better," Lee said. "We helped each other out as far as how we thought we should approach certain teams and just what's the best frame of mind to have on the mound and stuff."

Pedro Martinez — the former Red Sox star — starts Game 2 for the Phillies against A.J. Burnett, and that should really juice up the crowd. Ever since he strangely said "I just tip my hat and call the Yankees my daddy" following a 2004 loss at Fenway Park, chants of "Who's your daddy?" have boomed through the Bronx whenever he's pitched.

While most players practiced protestations of humility, Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins attracted attention with a brash boast.

"Of course we're going to win," the 2007 NL MVP said on "The Jay Leno Show" on Monday night. "If we're nice we'll let it go six, but I'm thinking five. Close it out at home."

The Yankees responded with a verbal pie to the face.

"He's been Nostradamus, that's what I heard," catcher Jorge Posada said. "He's been (making) a lot of good predictions, so we've got to take that away from him."

Rollins had forecast the Yankees and Phillies would meet in the Series. Before the 2007 season, he said the Phillies and not the Mets were the team to beat in the NL East.

"That's just Jimmy," Howard said. "Obviously, with those comments, you know here in Yankee Stadium, you know they're going to be all over him. And you know what? He wants that. He relishes that moment."

With Howard and Rodriguez, this will be only the second Series with two former season home runs leaders since 1975's faceoff between Cincinnati's Johnny Bench and Boston's Carl Yastrzemski, according to STATS LLC. The c was in 19 Earthquake Series, v Oakland's Bash Brot of Jose Canseco Mark McGwire s San Francisco and K Mitchell.

No player in the m leagues has scrutinized more tha Rod, a postseason following a scanda spring training included a ste admission and surgery.

And Howard carried the defen champion Phillies e bit as much as Rodrig has propelled Yankees to their Series appearance s 2003 — and the firs his career.

"Ryan, along with power, he's also becon great hitter," Rodrig said. "And that's news for the Natic League and bad news us."

The 34-year Rodriguez already succeeded Reg Jackson as the favo Yankees target wannabe amat psychologists, who tr analyze past playoff f and his relationsh with Madonna last y and Kate Hudson season. Now he want follow Mr. October a champion.

A three-time AL M he entered the f round against Minnes hitting .136 (8 for 59 the postseason dating 2004 and was hitless 18 consecutive playoff bats with runners scoring position.

What a change.

He led the Yank with a .438 average, f homers and 12 RBIs series victories over Twins and Los Ange Angels, hitting tyi home runs in seventh, ninth and 1 innings.

"I think everyone looking for a profou answer," he said, "anc don't have one."

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NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	11	9	2	0	18	37	25
N.Y. Rangers	12	8	3	1	17	46	33
New Jersey	9	6	3	0	12	26	22
Philadelphia	10	5	4	1	11	33	31

High school football rankings

Pennsylvania high school football rankings from The Patriot-News of Harrisburg for the week of Oct. 26, ool's district in parentheses, by the school's record and 's ranking.

CLASS AAAA

	Sec.	W-L	Wk.
op McDevitt	(3)	8-0	1
h Penn	(1)	8-0	2
way	(7)	8-0	3
oseph's Prep	(12)	6-1	4
eesport	(7)	7-1	5
dlle College HS	(12)	6-1	6
dland Hills	(7)	7-1	7
sbury	(1)	8-0	8
owell	(10)	6-2	9
dinal O'Hara	(12)	7-1	10

Honorable mention
ove (1) 7-1, Bethel Park (7) 7-
Rock South (1) 6-2, Cumber- (3) 7-1, Downingtown West aston (11) 7-1, Garnet Valley Neshaminy (1) 7-1, North (7) 7-1, Pittsburgh Central) 6-2, Ridley (1) 8-0, Shaler ate College (6) 7-1, Wilson (3)

CLASS AAA

	Sec.	W-L	Wk.
as Jefferson	(7)	8-0	1
agrove	(4)	8-0	2
n Area	(11)	8-0	3
eim Central	(3)	8-0	4
well	(7)	8-0	5
d Rustin	(1)	8-0	6
grove	(1)	8-0	7
dral Prep	(10)	6-2	8
York	(3)	8-0	9
town CC	(11)	7-1	10

Honorable mention
Heights (2) 7-1, Berwick (2) rs Valley (7) 7-1, Dallas (2) castle-Antrim (3) 6-2, Her- 2, Interboro (1) 8-0, North 7-1, Owen J. Roberts (1) 7- ncent (10) 6-2, Susquehan- 7-1, West Allegheny (7) 6-2.

CLASS AA

	Sec.	W-L	Wk.
ore	(2)	8-0	2
	(7)	7-1	NR
Falls	(7)	7-1	1
pa	(7)	7-1	4
atholic	(12)	6-2	6
al McLane	(10)	8-0	5
ster Catholic	(3)	7-1	7
gton	(10)	7-1	9
Fayette	(7)	8-0	10
one Oaks	(7)	7-1	NR

Honorable mention
8-0, Burrell (7) 6-2, Forest Freeport (7) 7-1, Loyalsock , Martinsburg Central (6) 7- vin (3) 6-2, Montoursville (4) Carmel (4) 6-2, Northern 7-1, North Schuylkill (11) 8- le Academy (7) 7-1, Sto-Rox anda (4) 8-0, Trinity (3) 6-2, 1.

CLASS A

	Sec.	W-L	Wk.
ter	(7)	8-0	1
	(10)	8-0	2
McCort	(6)	8-0	3
	(7)	7-1	4
	(7)	7-1	5
Highspire	(3)	5-2	6
ge	(2)	8-0	7
dAntis	(6)	8-0	8
	(6)	8-0	9
Catholic	(7)	7-1	10

onorable mention
(7) 7-1, Calvary Christian eron County (9) 8-0, Cone- (5) 7-1, Mercyhurst Prep lorth Catholic (7) 6-2, .0) 7-1.

AFC leaders

Quarterbacks

	Com	Yds	TD	Int
	156	1880	15	4
Schaub,HOU	240	2963	16	6
Roethlisberger,PIT	233	2062	11	6
Orton,DEN	194	1465	9	1
Brady,NWE	273	2032	15	4
P.Rivers,SND	213	1787	10	3
	226	1674	15	5
	227	1608	13	7
Flacco,JAC	212	1464	5	3
Pennington,MIA	103	659	3	3

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
	120	484	4.03	28	5
	114	602	4.93	71	7
Johnson,TEN	95	596	6.27	91	2
R.Brown,MIA	109	491	4.50	38	7
Jones-Drew,JAC	108	463	4.29	61	8
R.Rice,BAL	73	441	6.04	50	3
	78	418	5.36	39	4
	103	417	4.05	43	0
	70	396	5.66	68	5
Mendenhall,DEN	99	381	3.85	17	1

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
	48	504	10.5	48	4
	45	665	13.3	40	4
	42	602	14.3	52	2
Miller,PIT	40	353	8.8	25	4
Ochocinco,CIN	39	573	14.7	50	5
Wayne,IND	39	542	13.9	39	5
	38	497	12.7	44	5
	38	634	16.7	72t	4
	34	485	12.8	80t	3
	34	474	13.9	37	2

Scoring
Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
	8	0	0	0	48
	7	0	0	0	42
	7	5	2	0	42
	6	5	1	0	36
	5	4	1	0	30
	5	0	0	0	30
	5	0	5	0	30
	5	0	5	0	30
	5	2	3	0	30

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
	21-21	13-16	53	60
	17-17	14-17	50	59
	17-17	11-13	43	50
	13-13	12-16	50	49
	11-11	12-14	47	47
	20-20	9-12	46	47
	17-17	9-10	45	44
	21-21	8-9	50	39
	22-22	7-7	44	37
	10-10	9-11	53	37

Punters

	No	Yds	LG	Avg
	42	2194	70	52.2
	22	1063	65	48.3
	44	2047	66	46.5
	27	1245	64	46.1
	26	1182	60	45.5
B.Fields,MIA	25	1125	55	45.0
Sepulveda,PIT	26	1164	58	44.8
	43	1916	60	44.6
	46	2046	64	44.5
	19	846	59	44.5

NFC leaders

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
	184	121	1702	11	2
Brees,NOR	197	132	1698	14	5
Favre,MIN	229	158	1681	12	3
Romo,DAL	194	117	1652	9	4
McNabb,PHL	110	63	768	6	1
	203	120	1633	12	6
	191	120	1360	11	6
Warner,ARI	237	158	1672	9	6
Cobb,PHL	96	62	741	4	3
Campbell,WAS	206	136	1481	8	7

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	2	0	1.000	—
New Jersey	1	1	.500	1/2
New York	1	1	.500	1/2
Philadelphia	1	1	.500	1/2
Toronto	0	0	.000	1/2
Washington	0	0	.000	—
Atlanta	0	0	.000	1/2
Charlotte	0	0	.000	1/2
Miami	0	0	.000	1/2
Orlando	0	0	.000	1/2
Chicago	0	0	.000	—
Detroit	0	0	.000	—
Indiana	0	0	.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	—
Cleveland	0	0	.000	1/2
Memphis	0	0	.000	—
New Orleans	0	0	.000	—
San Antonio	0	0	.000	—
Dallas	0	0	.000	1/2
Houston	0	0	.000	1/2
				GB
				—
				—
				—
Portland	0	0	.000	—
Denver	0	0	.000	1/2
Minnesota	0	0	.000	1/2
Oklahoma City	0	0	.000	1/2
Utah	0	0	.000	1/2
				GB
L.A. Lakers	0	0	.000	—
Golden State	0	0	.000	1/2
Phoenix	0	0	.000	1/2
Sacramento	0	0	.000	1/2
L.A. Clippers	0	0	.000	1/2

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Peterson,MIN	138	687	4.98	64t	8
Jackson,STL	143	635	4.44	58	0
R.Grant,GBY	118	495	4.19	37	3
Portis,WAS	120	490	4.08	78	1
Jacobs,NYG	120	464	3.87	31	2
	105	461	4.39	20t	5
	80	455	5.69	38	3
Turner,ATL	118	403	3.42	33	7
Smith,DET	109	348	3.19	20	3
M.Barber,DAL	72	344	4.78	35	3

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
	76	594	13.2	43	4
Fitzgerald,ARI	41	443	10.8	27	5
S.Rice,MIN	34	545	16.0	63	2
R.White,ATL	33	435	13.2	90t	5
Celek,PHL	33	386	11.7	42	2
Witten,DAL	33	312	9.5	22	1
	32	398	12.4	44t	3
	32	381	11.9	41	1
Welker,SEA	31	359	11.6	34t	2
Winslow,TAM	31	295	9.5	42t	4

Scoring
Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
Peterson,MIN	8	8	0	0	48
Turner,ATL	7	7	0	0	42
Ve. Davis,SNF	6	0	6	0	36
Austin,DAL	5	0	5	0	30
Colston,NOR	5	0	5	0	30
	5	0	5	0	30
	5	1	3	1	30
Cobb,MIN	5	0	5	0	30
R.White,ATL	5	0	5	0	30
D.Williams,CAR	5	5	0	0	30

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
	16-19	49	60	
	24-24	12-13	52	60
Gramkey,NOR	28-30	8-10	46	52
Akers,PHL	18-18	11-14	49	51
Crosby,GBY	15-16	12-15	52	51
Folk,DAL	16-16	11-13	51	49
	13-13	9-11	47	40
	16-16	8-9	45	40
Hanson,DET	10-10	9-10	48	37
Hedgney,SNF	16-16	7-9	50	37

Latest Line

BEST BET: New York is 41-10 its last 51 home games. The Yankees are also 51-20 the last 71 home games vs. a left-handed starter and 10-1 in CC Sabathia's last 11 starts at Yankee Stadium. Philadelphia is just 3-9 its last 12 games vs. an American League East opponent. Take New York over Philadelphia for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Nov 1		
Week Eight		
BALTIMORE	3 1/2 (41)	Denver
CHICAGO	13 1/2 (40)	Cleve.
Houston	3 (40)	BUFFALO
GREEN BAY	3 (47)	Minnesota
INDIANA.	12 (45)	San Fran
NY JETS	3 1/2 (40)	Miami
DETROIT	3 1/2 (43)	St. Louis
DALLAS	9 1/2 (45)	Seattle
SAN DIEGO	17 (43)	Oakland
TENNESSEE	3 (44)	J'ville
ARIZONA	9 (43)	Carolina
PHILA	2 (46)	NY Giants
Monday, Nov 2		
N. ORLEANS	10 (54)	Atlanta

Bye Week: Cincinnati, Kansas City, New England, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay, and Washington.

College Football

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Thursday, Oct 29		
VA TECH	16 1/2	N. Carolina
Friday, Oct 30		
W. Virginia	3	S. FLORIDA
Saturday, Oct 31		
CONN.	8	Rutgers
Cincinnati	15	SYRACUSE
BOS. COLL.	4 1/2	C. Michigan
Ohio	7 1/2	BALL ST
VIRGINIA	7	Duke
IOWA	17 1/2	Indiana
WISCONSIN	7	Purdue
Miami-Florida	7	WAKE FOREST
FLORIDA ST	7 1/2	NC State
N. ILLINOIS	10	Akron
OHIO ST	40	New Mexico St
Ga Tech	13 1/2	VANDERBILT
TEXAS A&M	6 1/2	Iowa St
Mississippi	4	AUBURN
ARKANSAS	36 1/2	E. Michigan
W. Michigan	1	KENT ST
Nebraska	12	BAYLOR
TULSA	17	Smu
TEX.EL PASO	6 1/2	Ala-Birm.
BOISE ST	33 1/2	San Jose St
a-FLORIDA	16	Georgia
Toledo	6	MIAMI-OHIO
OREGON ST	9	Ucla
NAVY	7	Temple
California	6 1/2	ARIZONA ST
Michigan	8	ILLINOIS
Missouri	3 1/2	COLORADO
OKLAHOMA	25	Kansas St
Texas	9	OKLAHOMA ST
NEVADA	24 1/2	Hawaii
TCU	33	Unlv
Air Force	3	COLORADO ST
Penn St	13 1/2	N'WESTERN
IDAHO	3	Louisiana Tech
FRESNO ST	16	Utah St
KENTUCKY	3 1/2	Mississippi St
TEXAS TECH	7 1/2	Kansas
S. DIEGO ST	17	New Mexico
b-N. Dame	30	Washington St
TENNESSEE	5 1/2	S. Carolina
Southern Cal	3	OREGON
HOUSTON	7 1/2	Southern Miss
UTAH	16	Wyoming
LSU	34	Tulane
Michigan St	6	MINNESOTA
LOUISVILLE	4	Arkansas St
FLA INTER.	4	UL-Lafayette
N. TEXAS	9 1/2	W. Kentucky
FLORIDA ATL	2	Middle Tenn St
TROY	17	UL-Monroe
Sunday, Nov 1		
C. FLORIDA	3	Marshall

a-at Jacksonville, FL.
b-at San Antonio, TX.

Baseball

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
Wednesday, Oct 28		
World Series		
Game One		
NY YANKEES	7 1/2-8 1/2	Phila.

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
ORLANDO	8 1/2	Philadelphia
ATLANTA	6	Indiana
Cleveland	5 1/2	TORONTO
BOSTON	10 1/2	Charlotte
MIAMI	6	New York
Detroit	2 1/2	MEMPHIS
OKLA CITY	7 1/2	Sacramento
S. ANTONIO	8 1/2	New Orleans
MINNESOTA	2	New Jersey
DENVER	6 1/2	Utah
GOLDEN ST	6 1/2	Houston
LA CLIPPERS	1	Phoenix

NHL

Favorite	Goals	Underdog
CAROLINA	Even-1/2	St. Louis
NEW JERSEY	Even-1/2	Buffalo
NY Rangers	Even-1/2	NY ISL.
COLUMBUS	Even-1/2	Phoenix
PITTSBURGH	1/2-1	Montreal
Ottawa	Even-1/2	FLORIDA
MINNESOTA	1/2-1	Nashville
DALLAS	1/2-1	Toronto
CALGARY	1/2-1	Colorado
SAN JOSE	1/2-1	Los Angeles

HOME TEAM IN CAPS

REMEMBER when?

Derrick Jones starred at Monessen High School in 1968.

Kunitz (FROM PAGE ONE)

six assists in 10 games. Guerin was added to the mix a few days later, and the Penguins top line began to click.

Kunitz, however, scored only once during the playoffs. His overall game was so strong that the Penguins never considered taking him off the top line.

"He just always plays good hockey," Guerin said.

There is an element of opportunity and pressure that comes with playing on Crosby's line. Wingers are expected to be productive when playing with centers like Crosby and Evgeni Malkin.

"You can definitely view it as pressure," Guerin said. "But honestly, Sid just wants you to play your game, and that's what (Kunitz) will keep doing. The goals will come."

Kunitz was one of the few Penguins to record a couple of quality opportunities against New Jersey in Saturday's 4-1 loss.

"I've had some bad bounces," he said. "The thing for me is just to go to the net and keep it simple. You know you're going to get chances with Sid on your line."

Kunitz scored only two goals in the first 20 games of last season while playing with Anaheim. The Penguins captain believes Kunitz's funk is almost over.

"He's actually generated a lot of chances in the last couple of games," Crosby said. "That's always a good sign. For him, it's just a matter of time."

11th Annual Sportsmen Giveaway
Sunday, November 1st
Noon 'til 7pm
Doors Open...11:30
West Newton Fire Hall
Youghiogheny Ballroom
Drawings every 15 min.
7 PM drawing on PA Dally Lottery.
Food & Beverages Provided. Donation $20 · Guest $15
WINNERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT
Guns By REESE Wholesale
Sponsored By Mountain Lodge Rod & Gun Club
All Proceeds Benefit Children's Hospital
Tickets Available at Monongahela Eat 'n Park and at the door
Eat'n Park the place for smiles

SPORTS DIGEST

Yough sweeps Elizabeth Forward

Yough swept Elizabeth Forward, 3-0, in the preliminary round of the WPIAL Class AA volleyball playoffs Tuesday.

The Lady Cougars will go to Blackhawk Thursday for a first round match at 7:30 p.m..

Ringgold goes to Seneca Valley Thursday ina first round WPIAL Class AAA match at 7:30 p.m.

In Class A first round matches, Bentworth faces Avonworth at 6 p.m. at North Allegheny today and Frazier takes on Sacred Heart at South Fayette Thursday at 6 p.m.

Sixth grade basketball clinic set

There is a sixth grade girls basketball clinic today and Thursday at the Rostraver Middle School gym from 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Girls from Bellmar can ride transfer bus No. 5 to the middle school.

The clinic is free for all girls living in the Belle Vernon Area School District.

Steelers get rare week off

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers' off week has turned into a week off.

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Uniontown	4	1	5	3
Laurel Highlands	3	2	3	5
Derry	3	2	3	5
Albert Gallatin	2	4	3	5
Yough	1	4	1	7
S'moreland	0	5	0	8

Friday
Southmoreland at Yough
L. Highland at Uniontown
Derry at Greensburg Salem
A. Gallatin at Char Valley

Class AA
Interstate Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Mt. Pleasant	8	0	8	0
McGuffey	6	2	6	2
Washington	6	2	6	2
Greensburg Central	6	2	6	2
Charleroi	5	3	5	3
Jeannette	5	3	5	3
Waynesburg	2	6	2	6
Brownsville	1	7	1	7
South Allegheny	0	8	0	8
East Allegheny	1	7	1	7

Friday
Mt. Pleasant at Charleroi
Brownsville at Waynesburg
Washington at McGuffey
E. Allegheny at S. Allegheny
Greensburg C.C. at Jeannette

Class A
Tri-County South

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	6	0	6	2
Beth-Center	5	1	6	2
Jefferson-Morgan	4	2	6	2
California	3	3	4	4
Carmichaels	3	3	3	5
Gelbel	2	4	3	5
Mapletown	1	5	1	7
West Greene	0	6	0	8

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Black Hills Conference

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Clairton	5	0	6	1
Serra	4	1	6	1
Fort Cherry	3	2	5	2
Chartiers-Houston	2	3	4	3
Burgettstown	2	3	3	4
Frazier	2	3	3	4
Bentworth	1	4	2	5
Avella	1	4	2	5

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Bentworth at Frazier
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Sports moves

BASEBALL
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Named Steve Foster bullpen coach and Kyle Turner assistant trainer.
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with OF Gabe Kapler on a one-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Announced the appointment Paul Beeston as president and CEO of the team for a three year term.
National League
HOUSTON ASTROS—Named Brad Mills manager. Sent C Chris Coste outright to Round Rock (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Named Casey McKeon director of player procurement and Jay Robertson special assistant to the general manager.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed RB Aaron Stecker. Placed S William Moore on injured reserve. Placed CB Glenn Sharpe on the practice squad-injured list. Signed S Eric Brock to the practice squad.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Waived DB Keith Lewis. Activated DB Dante Wesley from the reserved-suspended list.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed LB William Kershaw. Placed CB Will Allen on injured reserve.
NEW YORK JETS—Re-signed CB-KR Justin Miller. Placed

SPORTS

Series foes similar

Yankees and Phillies have a lot in common.

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Even before the first pitch, this World Series seems souped up.

Stocked full of honed home run hitters, powerful pitchers and frenzied fans — plus a fast-talking shortstop fond of forecasting future results — the New York Yankees and Philadelphia Phillies generated a Fall Classic of talk ahead of tonight's opener.

"I think we mirror each other," Yankees star Alex Rodriguez said Tuesday. "They have switch-hitters, just like us. They have power, just like us."

So let the mighty matchup begin: Philadelphia, defending just its second World Series title, against the moneyed, much-admired and much-hated team that often sets baseball's standards for success and excess.

"Obviously they have a lot of the star power in their lineup and all the hype that goes along with being Yankees," Ryan Howard said. "We're from Philadelphia."

New York may be a heavy favorite in Las Vegas, but players on both sides predict a close Series, perhaps ending a record run of five straight that have ended in sweeps or five games.

Both teams worked out Tuesday in the mist of $1.5 billion new Yankee Stadium, where two freshly painted logos were in foul territory in honor of the ballpark's first World Series. Still standing across the street, covered in black mesh as if a ghost, is its 86-year-old predecessor, awaiting demolition after hosting a record 100 Series games.

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Associated Press

CC Sabathia will start for the Yankees in Game 1 of the World Series tonight.

postseason with the Yankees, starts tonight for New York against former Cleveland teammate Cliff Lee, 2-0 with an 0.74 ERA for the Phillies. The latest-opening World Series ever, one that will stretch into November for only the second time, begins with a rematch of the April 16 ballpark opener, won by the Indians 10-2.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," Sabathia said.

George Steinbrenner, New York's 79-year-old owner, was expected at the stadium he built for the first time since opening day. First Lady Michelle Obama also planned to be on hand in a celebrity-filled crowd wondering whether the Yankees are on the way to a 27th title — and first since 2000.

Teammates 16 months ago, Lee and Sabathia texted each other often in the runup. Sabathia won the 2007 AL Cy Young Award with the Indians, and was followed by Lee last year.

"I think we made each other better," Lee said. "We helped each other out as far as how we thought we should approach certain teams and just what's the best frame of mind to have on the mound and stuff."

Pedro Martinez — the former Red Sox star — starts Game 2 for the Phillies against A.J. Burnett, and that should really juice up the crowd. Ever since he strangely said "I just tip my hat and call the Yankees my daddy" following a 2004 loss at Fenway Park, chants of "Who's your daddy?" have boomed through the Bronx whenever he's pitched.

While most players practiced protestations of humility, Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins attracted attention with a brash boast.

"Of course we're going to win," the 2007 NL MVP said on "The Jay Leno Show" on Monday night. "If we're nice we'll let it go six, but I'm thinking five. Close it out at home."

The Yankees responded with a verbal pie to the face.

"He's been Nostradamus, that's what I heard," catcher Jorge Posada said. "He's been (making) a lot of good predictions, so we've got to take that away from him."

Rollins had forecast the Yankees and Phillies would meet in the Series. Before the 2007 season, he said the Phillies and not the Mets were the team to beat in the NL East.

"That's just Jimmy," Howard said. "Obviously, with those comments, you know here in Yankee Stadium, you know they're going to be all over him. And you know what? He wants that. He relishes that moment."

With Howard and Rodriguez, this will be only the second Series with two former season home runs leaders since 1975's faceoff between Cincinnati's Johnny Bench and Boston's Carl Yastrzemski, according to STATS LLC. The other was in 1989's Earthquake Series, when Oakland's Bash Brothers of Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire swept San Francisco and Kevin Mitchell.

No player in the major leagues has been scrutinized more than A-Rod, a postseason star following a scandalous spring training that included a steroid admission and hip surgery.

And Howard has carried the defending champion Phillies every bit as much as Rodriguez has propelled the Yankees to their first Series appearance since 2003 — and the first of his career.

"Ryan, along with his power, he's also become a great hitter," Rodriguez said. "And that's bad news for the National League and bad news for us."

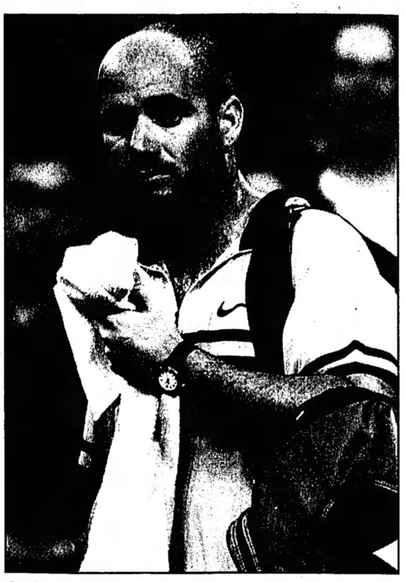
The 34-year-old Rodriguez already has succeeded Reggie Jackson as the favorite Yankees target of wannabe amateur psychologists, who try to analyze past playoff flops and his relationships with Madonna last year and Kate Hudson this season. Now he wants to follow Mr. October as a champion.

A three-time AL MVP, he entered the first round against Minnesota hitting .136 (8 for 59) in the postseason dating to 2004 and was hitless in 18 consecutive playoff at-bats with runners in scoring position.

What a change.

He led the Yankees with a .438 average, five homers and 12 RBIs in series victories over the Twins and Los Angeles Angels, hitting tying home runs in the seventh, ninth and 11th innings.

"I think everyone is looking for a profound answer," he said, "and I don't have one."



Andre Agassi

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"Then I come to the central lie of the letter," Agassi writes. "I say that recently I drank accidentally from one of Slim's spiked sodas, unwittingly ingesting his drugs. I ask for understanding and leniency and hastily sign it: Sincerely.

"I feel ashamed, of course. I promise myself that this lie is the end of it."

Agassi said the ATP reviewed the case, accepted his explanation and threw it out. The tour responded with a statement toda, noting an independent panel makes the final decision on a doping violation.

"The ATP has always followed this rule, and no executive at the ATP has therefore had the authority or ability to decide the outcome of an anti-doping matter," the statement said.

The International Tennis Federation's Emily Bevan referred all questions to the ATP.

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Kunitz (FROM PAGE ONE)

six assists in 10 games. Guerin was added to the mix a few days later, and the Penguins top line began to click.

Kunitz, however, scored only once during the playoffs. His overall game was so strong that the Penguins never considered taking him off the top line.

"He just always plays good hockey," Guerin said.

There is an element of opportunity and pressure that comes with playing on Crosby's line. Wingers are expected to be productive when playing with centers like Crosby and Evgeni Malkin.

"You can definitely view it as pressure," Guerin said. "But honestly, Sid just wants you to play your game, and that's what (Kunitz) will keep doing. The goals will come."

Kunitz was one of the few Penguins to record a couple of quality opportunities against New Jersey in Saturday's 4-1 loss.

"I've had some bad bounces," he said. "The thing for me is just to go to the net and keep it simple. You know you're going to get chances with Sid on your line."

Kunitz scored only two goals in the first 20 games of last season while playing with Anaheim. The Penguins captain believes Kunitz's funk is almost over.

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11th Annual Sportsmen Giveaway
Sunday, November 1st
Noon 'til 7pm
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SPORTS DIGEST

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Yough swept Elizabeth Forward, 3-0, in the preliminary round of the WPIAL Class AA volleyball playoffs Tuesday.

The Lady Cougars will go to Blackhawk Thursday for a first round match at 7:30 p.m..

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In Class A first round matches, Bentworth faces Avonworth at 6 p.m. at North Allegheny today and Frazier takes on Sacred Heart at South Fayette Thursday at 6 p.m.

Sixth grade basketball clinic set

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New Jersey	9	6	3	0	12	26	22
Philadelphia	10	5	4	1	11	33	31
N.Y. Islanders	10	1	4	5	7	22	37

Northeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	8	6	1	1	13	26	16
Montreal	11	6	5	0	12	30	32
Ottawa	9	5	2	2	12	30	26
Boston	10	5	4	1	11	30	32
Toronto	9	1	7	1	3	21	38

Southeast Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	11	7	2	2	16	41	32
Atlanta	8	4	3	1	9	28	24
Tampa Bay	9	3	3	3	9	24	32
Carolina	10	2	5	3	7	24	34
Florida	9	2	6	1	5	19	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	11	7	3	1	15	36	27
Columbus	10	6	4	0	12	33	34
Detroit	10	4	4	2	10	30	35
St. Louis	9	4	4	1	9	24	25
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Northwest Division

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Edmonton	12	6	5	1	13	38	36
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Minnesota	11	3	8	0	6	23	35

Pacific Division

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Dallas	11	5	2	4	14	37	32
Phoenix	10	6	4	0	12	26	22
Anaheim	10	3	6	1	7	25	37

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

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NHL scoring leaders

	GP	G	A	PTS
Anze Kopitar, LA	12	10	11	21
Alex Ovechkin, Was	11	11	8	19
Marian Gaborik, NYR	12	10	8	18
Joe Thornton, SJ	12	3	14	17
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Vaclav Prospal, NYR	12	4	12	16
Dany Heatley, SJ	12	8	7	15
Dustin Penner, Edm	12	8	7	15
Rick Nash, Cls	10	6	9	15
Henrik Sedin, Van	12	6	9	15
Ryan Smyth, LA	12	6	9	15
N. Backstrom, Was	11	3	12	15
Rene Bourque, Cgy	10	5	9	14
A. Semin, Was	9	7	6	13
Evgeni Malkin, Pit	11	4	9	13

PSAC football standings

West Division

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Sports dial

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8 p.m. - WPGH - Philadelphia at New York Yankees, baseball.
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Radio

7:30 p.m. - WXDX (105.9 FM) - Montreal at Pittsburgh, hockey.
8 p.m. -WEAE (1250) - Philadelphia at New York Yankees, baseball.

World Series schedule

Today

Philadelphia (Lee 7-4) at New York (Sabathia 19-8), 7:57 p.m.

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Saturday

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Sunday

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Monday

x-New York at Philadelphia, 7:57 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 4

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Thursday, Nov. 5

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High school football

Class AAA

Big Seven Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
T. Jefferson	5	0	8	0
Chartiers Valley	5	1	7	1
West Mifflin	2	3	5	3
BV Area	2	3	4	4
Trinity	2	3	3	5
Elizabeth Forward	1	4	4	4
Ringgold	1	4	3	5

Friday

Elizabeth Forward at BV Area
Ringgold at Trinity
T. Jefferson at West Mifflin
A. Gallatin at Char Valley

Keystone Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Greensburg Salem	5	0	7	1
Uniontown	4	1	5	3
Laurel Highlands	3	2	3	5
Derry	3	2	3	5
Albert Gallatin	2	4	3	5
Yough	1	4	1	7
S'moreland	0	5	0	8

Friday

Southmoreland at Yough
L. Highland at Uniontown
Derry at Greensburg Salem
A. Gallatin at Char Valley

Class AA

Interstate Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Mt. Pleasant	8	0	8	0
McGuffey	6	2	6	2
Washington	6	2	6	2
Greensburg Central	6	2	6	2
Charleroi	5	3	5	3
Jeannette	5	3	5	3
Waynesburg	2	6	2	6
Brownsville	1	7	1	7
South Allegheny	0	8	0	8
East Allegheny	1	7	1	7

Friday

Mt. Pleasant at Charleroi
Brownsville at Waynesburg
Washington at McGuffey
E. Allegheny at S. Allegheny
Greensburg C.C. at Jeannette

Class A

Tri-County South

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Monessen	6	0	6	2
Beth-Center	5	1	6	2
Jefferson-Morgan	4	2	6	2
California	3	3	4	4
Carmichaels	3	3	3	5
Geibel	2	4	3	5
Mapletown	1	5	1	7
West Greene	0	6	0	8

Friday

California at Monessen
Carmichaels at West Greene
Mapletown at Jeff-Morgan

Saturday

Beth-Center at Geibel, noon

Black Hills Conference

	Con. W	Con. L	Overall W	Overall L
Clairton	5	0	6	1
Serra	4	1	6	1
Fort Cherry	3	2	5	2
Chartiers-Houston	2	3	4	3
Burgettstown	2	3	3	4
Frazier	2	3	3	4
Bentworth	1	4	2	5
Avella	1	4	2	5

Friday

Bentworth at Frazier
Serra at Clairton
Avella at Burgettstown
Fort Cherry at Char-Houston

High school football rankings

Pennsylvania high school football rankings from The Patriot-News of Harrisburg for the week of Oct. 26, with school's district in parentheses, followed by the school's record and last week's ranking.

CLASS AAAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Bishop McDevitt	(3)	8-0	1
2. North Penn	(1)	8-0	2
3. Gateway	(7)	8-0	3
4. St. Joseph's Prep	(12)	6-1	4
5. McKeesport	(7)	7-1	5
6. La Salle College HS	(12)	6-1	6
7. Woodland Hills	(7)	7-1	7
8. Pennsbury	(1)	8-0	8
9. McDowell	(10)	6-2	9
10. Cardinal O'Hara	(12)	7-1	10

Honorable mention

Avon Grove (1) 7-1, Bethel Park (7) 7-1, Council Rock South (1) 6-2, Cumberland Valley (3) 7-1, Downingtown West (1) 7-1, Easton (11) 7-1, Garnet Valley (1) 7-1, Neshaminy (1) 7-1, North Allegheny (7) 7-1, Pittsburgh Central Catholic (7) 6-2, Ridley (1) 8-0, Shaler (7) 7-1, State College (6) 7-1, Wilson (3) 7-1.

CLASS AAA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Thomas Jefferson	(7)	8-0	1
2. Selinsgrove	(4)	8-0	2
3. Wilson Area	(11)	8-0	3
4. Manheim Central	(3)	8-0	4
5. Hopewell	(7)	8-0	5
6. Bayard Rustin	(1)	8-0	6
7. Pottsgrove	(1)	8-0	7
8. Cathedral Prep	(10)	6-2	8
9. West York	(3)	8-0	9
10. Allentown CC	(11)	7-1	10

Honorable mention

Abington Heights (2) 7-1, Berwick (2) 6-2, Chartiers Valley (7) 7-1, Dallas (2) 8-0, Greencastle-Antrim (3) 6-2, Hershey (3) 6-2, Interboro (1) 8-0, North Pocono (2) 7-1, Owen J. Roberts (1) 7-1, Strong Vincent (10) 6-2, Susquehanna Twp. (3) 7-1, West Allegheny (7) 6-2.

CLASS AA

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Dunmore	(2)	8-0	2
2. Center	(7)	7-1	NR
3. Beaver Falls	(7)	7-1	1
4. Aliquippa	(7)	7-1	4
5. West Catholic	(12)	6-2	6
6. General McLane	(10)	8-0	5
7. Lancaster Catholic	(3)	7-1	7
8. Wilmington	(10)	7-1	9
9. South Fayette	(7)	8-0	10
10. Keystone Oaks	(7)	7-1	NR

Honorable mention

Bok (12) 8-0, Burrell (7) 6-2, Forest Hills (6) 8-0, Freeport (7) 7-1, Loyalsock Twp. (4) 6-2, Martinsburg Central (6) 7-1, Middletown (3) 6-2, Montoursville (4) 7-1, Mount Carmel (4) 6-2, Northern Lehigh (11) 7-1, North Schuylkill (11) 8-0, Shady Side Academy (7) 7-1, Sto-Rox (7) 6-2, Towanda (4) 8-0, Trinity (3) 6-2, Tyrone (6) 7-1.

CLASS A

	Sec.	W-L	Last Wk.
1. Rochester	(7)	8-0	1
2. Farrell	(10)	8-0	2
3. Bishop McCort	(6)	8-0	3
4. Laurel	(7)	7-1	4
5. Clairton	(7)	7-1	5
6. Steelton-Highspire	(3)	5-2	6
7. Old Forge	(2)	8-0	7
8. Bellwood-Antis	(6)	8-0	8
9. Portage	(6)	8-0	9
10. Serra Catholic	(7)	7-1	10

Honorable mention

Avonworth (7) 7-1, Calvary Christian (1) 6-1, Cameron County (9) 8-0, Conemaugh Twp. (5) 7-1, Mercyhurst Prep (10) 8-0, North Catholic (7) 6-2, Sharpsville (10) 7-1.

Sports moves

BASEBALL

American League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Named Steve Foster bullpen coach and Kyle Turner assistant trainer.

TAMPA BAY RAYS—Agreed to terms with OF Gabe Kapler on a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Announced the appointment Paul Beeston as president and CEO of the team for a three year term.

National League

HOUSTON ASTROS—Named Brad Mills manager. Sent C Chris Coste outright to Round Rock (PCL).

WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Named Casey McKeon director of player procurement and Jay Robertson special assistant to the general manager.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed RB Aaron Stecker. Placed S William Moore on injured reserve. Placed CB Glenn Sharpe on the practice squad-injured list. Signed S Eric Brock to the practice squad.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Waived DB Keith Lewis. Activated DB Dante Wesley from the reserved-suspended list.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed LB William Kershaw. Placed CB Will Allen on injured reserve.

NEW YORK JETS—Re-signed CB-KR Justin Miller. Placed RB Leon Washington on injured reserve.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Placed OT Tony Pashos on injured reserve.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL—Suspended Dallas F Steve Ott for two games as the result of a low-hit on St. Louis D Carlo Colaiacovo in an Oct. 24 game.

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Recalled F Jason Krog from Chicago (AHL).

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Reassigned C Jake Dowell to Rockford (AHL).

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Placed C Andrew Murray on injured reserve, retroactive to Oct. 20.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Recalled F P.A. Parenteau from Hartford (AHL).

OTTAWA SENATORS—Assigned D Erik Karlsson to Binghamton (AHL).

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled F Yan Stastny from Peoria (AHL).

COLLEGE

BOSTON COLLEGE—Announced freshman QB Justin Tuggle and sophomore RB Josh Haden will transfer.

EASTERN WASHINGTON—Announced the NCAA reversed a postseason ban on the football team, making them eligible for this year's Football Championship Subdivision playoffs.

AFC leaders

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1867	13	4
[illegible] HOU	249	163	2074	16	5
Roethlisberger, PIT	233	164	2062	11	6
Orton, DEN	194	124	1465	9	1
Brady, NWE	273	179	2032	15	4
P. Rivers,SND	313	126	1787	10	3
[illegible]	225	145	1674	15	5
[illegible]	227	140	1608	13	7
[illegible], JAC	212	130	1464	5	3
[illegible], MIA	103	62	659	3	3

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
[illegible]	154	720	4.39	28	5
[illegible],NYJ	122	602	4.93	71	7
Johnson,TEN	95	596	6.27	91	2
R. Brown,MIA	109	491	4.50	38	7
Jones-Drew, JAC	108	463	4.29	61	8
R. Rice,BAL	73	441	6.04	50	3
[illegible]	75	418	5.36	39	4
[illegible]	103	417	4.05	43	0
[illegible],MIA	70	396	5.66	88	5
[illegible], DEN	99	381	3.85	17	1

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
[illegible]	48	484	10.5	48	4
[illegible]	46	666	13.1	40	4
[illegible],PIT	42	602	14.3	52	2
Miller,PIT	40	353	8.8	25	4
Ochocinco, CIN	39	573	14.7	50	5
Wayne, IND	39	542	13.9	39	5
[illegible]	37	507	12.7	44	5
[illegible]	36	634	16.7	72t	4
[illegible]	36	486	12.8	80t	3
[illegible], SND	34	474	13.9	37	2

Scoring

Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
[illegible]	8	8	0	0	48
[illegible],MIA	7	7	0	0	42
[illegible],NYJ	7	7	0	0	42
McGahee, BAL	7	5	2	0	42
Ri. Williams,MIA	6	5	1	0	36
Addai, IND	5	4	1	0	30
[illegible]	5	5	0	0	30
[illegible]	5	0	5	0	30
[illegible],CIN	5	0	5	0	30
[illegible], HOU	5	2	3	0	30

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
[illegible]	21	13-16	53	60
[illegible],NYJ	17-17	14-17	50	59
Tynes, BUF	17-17	11-13	43	50
Dan Carpenter, DEN	13-13	12-16	50	49
Lindell, BUF	11-11	12-14	47	47
Je. Reed,PIT	20-20	9-12	46	47
Carpenter,MIA	27-27	9-10	45	44
[illegible]	21	6-9	50	39
[illegible], [illegible]	22	5-7	44	37
[illegible], KAN	10-10	9-11	53	37

Punters

	No	Yds	LG	Avg
[illegible]	42	2194	70	52.2
Lechler, OAK	44	2043	68	46.4
[illegible] BUF	44	2047	66	46.5
[illegible], DEN	27	1245	64	46.1
Koch, BAL	26	1182	60	45.5
B. Fields,MIA	25	1125	55	45.0
Sepulveda, PIT	26	1164	58	44.8
[illegible]	43	1916	60	44.6
[illegible]	46	2046	64	44.5
[illegible], IND	19	846	59	44.5

NFC leaders

Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TDInt
[illegible], GBY	184	121	1702	11 2
Brees, NOR	197	132	1698	14 5
Favre, MIN	229	158	1681	12 3
Romo, DAL	194	117	1652	9 4
McNabb, PHL	110	63	768	6 1
[illegible]	203	120	1633	12 6
[illegible], ATL	221	120	1360	11 6
Warner, ARI	237	158	1672	9 6
Vick, PHL	96	62	741	4 3
Campbell,WAS	206	136	1481	8 7

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
[illegible],MIN	138	687	4.98	64t	8
Jackson,STL	143	635	4.44	58	0
R. Grant,GBY	118	495	4.19	37	3
Portis, WAS	120	490	4.08	78	1
Jacobs, NYG	120	464	3.87	31	2
[illegible]	105	461	4.39	20t	5
[illegible]	80	455	5.69	38	3
[illegible],ATL	118	403	3.42	33	7
[illegible] Smith,DET	109	348	3.19	20	3
M. Barber,DAL	72	344	4.78	35	3

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
[illegible]	68	594	13.2	43	4
[illegible], ARI	41	443	10.8	27	5
[illegible], MIN	34	545	16.0	63	2
R. White,ATL	33	435	13.2	90t	5
Colek, PHL	33	386	11.7	42	2
Witten, DAL	33	312	9.5	22	1
[illegible]	32	398	12.4	44t	3
[illegible]	32	381	11.9	41	1
[illegible], SEA	31	359	11.6	34t	2
Winslow, TAM	31	295	9.5	42t	4

Scoring

Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
[illegible],MIN	8	8	0	0	48
[illegible],ATL	7	7	0	0	42
Ve. Davis,SNF	6	0	6	0	36
Austin, DAL	5	0	5	0	30
Colston, NOR	5	0	5	0	30
[illegible]	5	0	5	0	30
[illegible]	5	1	3	1	30
[illegible], MIN	5	0	5	0	30
[illegible],ATL	5	0	5	0	30
D. Williams,CAR	5	5	0	0	30

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
[illegible]	24	16-19	49	69
[illegible], MIN	24-24	12-13	52	60
[illegible], NOR	28-30	8-10	46	52
Akers, PHL	18-18	11-14	49	51
Crosby, GBY	15-16	12-15	52	51
Folk, DAL	13-16	11-13	51	49
[illegible]	13	9-11	47	40
[illegible],DET	16-16	8-9	45	40
[illegible], SNF	10-10	9-10	48	37
Nedney, SNF	16-16	7-9	50	37

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	1	0	1.000	—
New Jersey	1	0	1.000	1/2
New York	1	0	1.000	1/2
Philadelphia	1	0	1.000	1/2
Toronto	0	0	.000	1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	1	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	1/2
Charlotte	1	0	1.000	1/2
Miami	0	0	.000	1/2
Orlando	0	0	.000	1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—
Detroit	1	0	1.000	—
Indiana	1	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee	0	0	.000	1
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
[illegible]	1	0	1.000	—
[illegible]	1	0	1.000	—
[illegible]	0	0	.000	1/2
[illegible]	0	0	.000	1/2
[illegible]	0	1	.000	1

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
[illegible]	1	0	1.000	—
[illegible]	1	0	1.000	—
[illegible]	1	0	1.000	—
[illegible]	0	0	.000	1/2
[illegible]	0	0	.000	1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
[illegible]	1	0	1.000	—
[illegible]	1	0	1.000	—
[illegible]	1	0	1.000	—
[illegible]	0	0	.000	1/2
[illegible]	0	0	.000	1/2

MLS [illegible]

[illegible] at Houston, 6 p.m.
[illegible] at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Chicago at New England, 6 p.m.
[illegible] at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

NFL schedule

Sunday, Nov. 1

St. Louis at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 1 p.m.
[illegible] at Chicago, 1 p.m.
[illegible] at Houston, 1 p.m.
[illegible] at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
[illegible] at Tennessee, 4:05 p.m.
[illegible] at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.
Carolina at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.
Open: New England, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Kansas City, Washington, Tampa Bay

Monday, Nov. 2

[illegible] at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.

Latest Line

BEST BET: New York is 41-10 its last 51 home games. The Yankees are also 51-20 the last 71 home games vs. a left-handed starter and 10-1 in CC Sabathia's last 11 starts at Yankee Stadium. Philadelphia is just 3-9 its last 12 games vs. an American League East opponent. Take New York over Philadelphia for another Best Bet winner.

NFL

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Sunday, Nov 1		
Week Eight		
BALTIMORE	3 1/2	(41) Denver
CHICAGO	13 1/2	(40) Cleve.
Houston	3	(40) BUFFALO
GREEN BAY	3	(47) Minnesota
INDIANA.	12	(45) San Fran
NY JETS	3 1/2	(40) Miami
DETROIT	3 1/2	(43) St. Louis
DALLAS	9 1/2	(45) Seattle
SAN DIEGO	17	(43) Oakland
TENNESSEE	3	(44) J'ville
ARIZONA	9	(43) Carolina
PHILA	2	(46) NY Giants
Monday, Nov 2		
N. ORLEANS	10	(54) Atlanta

Bye Week: Cincinnati, Kansas City, New England, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay, and Washington.

College Football

Favorite	Points	Underdog
Thursday, Oct 29		
VA TECH	16 1/2	N. Carolina
Friday, Oct 30		
W. Virginia	3	S. FLORIDA
Saturday, Oct 31		
CONN.	8	Rutgers
Cincinnati	15	SYRACUSE
BOS. COLL.	4 1/2	C. Michigan
Ohio	7 1/2	BALL ST
VIRGINIA	7	Duke
IOWA	17 1/2	Indiana
WISCONSIN	17	Purdue
Miami-Florida	7	WAKE FOREST
FLORIDA ST	7 1/2	NC State
N. ILLINOIS	10	Akron
OHIO ST	40	New Mexico St
Ga Tech	13 1/2	VANDERBILT
TEXAS A&M	6 1/2	Iowa St
Mississippi	4	AUBURN
ARKANSAS	36 1/2	E. Michigan
W. Michigan	1	KENT ST
Nebraska	12	BAYLOR
TULSA	17	Smu
TEX.EL PASO	6 1/2	Ala-Birm.
BOISE ST	33 1/2	San Jose St
a-FLORIDA	16	Georgia
Toledo	6	MIAMI-OHIO
OREGON ST	9	Ucla
NAVY	7	Temple
California	6 1/2	ARIZONA ST
Michigan	8	ILLINOIS
Missouri	3 1/2	COLORADO
OKLAHOMA	25	Kansas St
Texas	9	OKLAHOMA ST
NEVADA	24 1/2	Hawaii
TCU	33	Unlv
Air Force	3	COLORADO ST
Penn St	13 1/2	N'WESTERN
IDAHO	3	Louisiana Tech
FRESNO ST	16	Utah St
KENTUCKY	3 1/2	Mississippi St
TEXAS TECH	7 1/2	Kansas
S. DIEGO ST	17	New Mexico
b-N. Dame	30	Washington St
TENNESSEE	5 1/2	S. Carolina
Southern Cal	3	OREGON
HOUSTON	7 1/2	Southern Miss
UTAH	16	Wyoming
LSU	34	Tulane
Michigan St	6	MINNESOTA
LOUISVILLE	4	Arkansas St
FLA INTER.	4	UL-Lafayette
N. TEXAS	9 1/2	W. Kentucky
FLORIDA ATL	2	Middle Tenn St
TROY	17	UL-Monroe
Sunday, Nov 1		
C. FLORIDA	3	Marshall

a-at Jacksonville, FL.
b-at San Antonio, TX.

Baseball

Favorite	Odds	Underdog
Wednesday, Oct 28		
World Series		
Game One		
NY YANKEES	7 1/2-8 1/2	Phila.

NBA

Favorite	Points	Underdog
ORLANDO	8 1/2	Philadelphia
ATLANTA	6	Indiana
Cleveland	5 1/2	TORONTO
BOSTON	10 1/2	Charlotte
MIAMI	6	New York
Detroit	2 1/2	MEMPHIS
OKLA CITY	7 1/2	Sacramento
S. ANTONIO	8 1/2	New Orleans
MINNESOTA	2	New Jers

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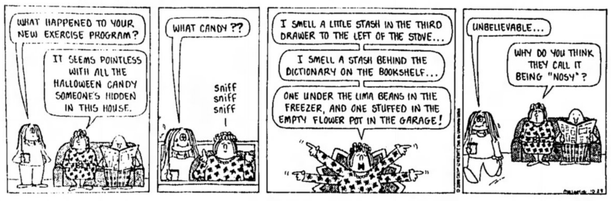
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I SMELL A STASH BEHIND THE DICTIONARY ON THE BOOKSHELF...
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YES, MASTER...
IT'S FROM AN INSURANCE SALESMAN!
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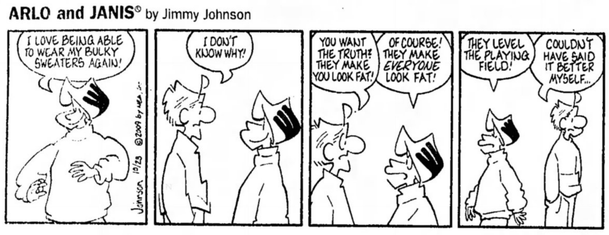
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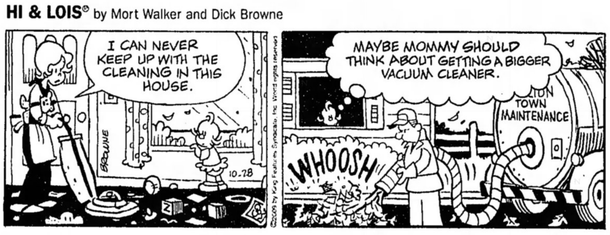
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I'M STRESSED BECAUSE I'M GAINING WEIGHT!

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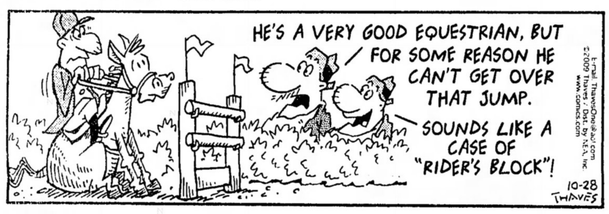

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WHY DO WE SAY, "TRICK OR TREAT" ON HALLOWEEN?
IF THEY DON'T GIVE YA A TREAT, YOU GET TO PLAY A TRICK ON 'EM...
SO IT'S A FORM OF BLACKMAIL?
OF COURSE IT IS...
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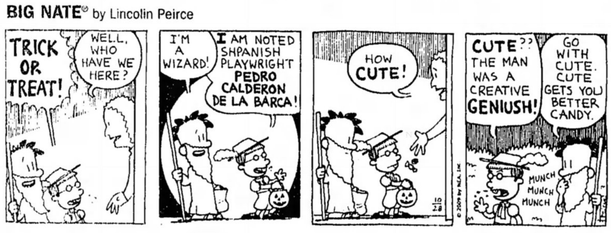
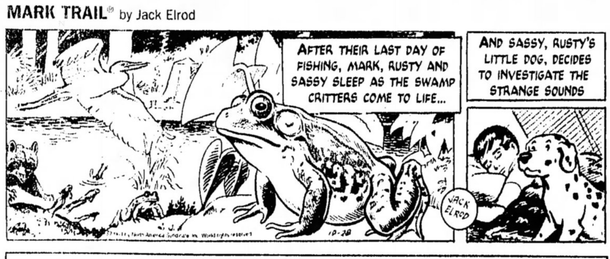

TRICK OR TREAT!
WELL, WHO HAVE WE HERE?
I'M A WIZARD!
I AM NOTED SPANISH PLAYWRIGHT PEDRO CALDERON DE LA BARCA!
HOW CUTE!
CUTE?? THE MAN WAS A CREATIVE GENIUSH!
GO WITH CUTE. CUTE GETS YOU BETTER CANDY.
MUNCH MUNCH MUNCH

MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod


AFTER THEIR LAST DAY OF FISHING, MARK, RUSTY AND SASSY SLEEP AS THE SWAMP CRITTERS COME TO LIFE...
AND SASSY, RUSTY'S LITTLE DOG, DECIDES TO INVESTIGATE THE STRANGE SOUNDS
JACK ELROD

SUDOKU

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

			2	3	6			
		3				4		
	8	2				7	3	
8								3
6								7
	1	4	5			8	6	9
			9		5			
		5				2		
		8	4	6	7	1		

Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/28

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Answer to previous puzzle

2	3	8	6	1	9	7	5	4
1	9	5	7	3	4	6	8	2
6	4	7	2	5	8	3	9	1
7	5	2	3	6	1	9	4	8
8	6	9	4	7	2	1	3	5
4	1	3	9	8	5	2	7	6
5	8	6	1	9	7	4	2	3
9	2	1	8	4	3	5	6	7
3	7	4	5	2	6	8	1	9

Difficulty Level ★★ 10/27

The Valley Independent Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Certain citrus trees
6 Don Diego de la Vega
11 City in Switzerland
12 Soft fabric
13 Espressos with milk
14 Wrapping up
15 Asserts with confidence
16 Rigid support
17 Cold-cuts emporium
18 Roll-call vote
19 Womanizer
23 Biggers' detective
25 Hideous giant
26 Marlins' st.
29 Cousin of a kudu
32 Large North American deer
33 Acorn dropper
34 "Walk Away —"
35 Doubly curved letter
36 Academic inst.
38 So-so grades
40 Primetime Jay
41 Went first
42 Chopped down
46 Superman's girl
48 Granny's brooch
49 Llama cousin
52 Profession
53 Base coat
54 Outline of activities
55 Keeps
56 Cuddly toy

DOWN

1 Depart
2 PC chip maker
3 Kilo system
4 Nights, in want ads
5 Eur. airline
6 Stoic founder
7 Seasoned vet (2 wds.)
8 Pierre's monarch
9 Dash off
10 Assn.
11 Very willing
12 Aloe —
16 Hail Mary's, maybe
18 Sturdy lock
20 Type of arch
21 WWW addresses
22 Cartoon shrieks
24 The lady
26 Hoops infraction
27 Jet route
28 Similar to
30 Exigency
31 "Gidget" actress
37 Radio knob
39 Didn't hog
41 Fibber, plus
43 Revise
44 Like a neglected garden
45 Ibsen heroine
47 Rightmost column
48 Pet shop buy
49 Corp. execs
50 401(k) kin
51 Not mil.
52 Household member

Answer to Previous Puzzle

A	I	L		C	A	B			S	P	A M
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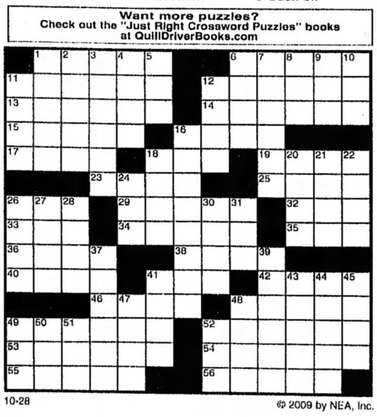

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FEATURES

CALENDAR WATCH

Thursday

■ Bishop Phelan Assembly 911 Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus of Mon Valley meeting, Charleroi Knights of Columbus home, Rosary, 7:15 p.m., meeting, 7:30 p.m.

■ American Red Cross blood drive, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, noon to 6 p.m.

■ Infant/Child CPR classes, Monongahela Valley Hospital Anthony M. Lombardi Education Conference Center, 6 p.m.

■ Tax representative offers assistance with local wage tax, Monessen City Building, 100 Third St., 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7:30 p.m.

■ Order deadline for Christmas wreaths, candy canes and crosses, sponsored by Donora Historical Society, (724) 379-5693 or (724) 379-7750.

■ "Bridge of Hope" Nar-Anon family group meeting, for those affected by drug abuse in a family member or friend, Fayette County Health Center, 100 New Salem Road, Uniontown, 7 p.m.

■ Angel Food signups, First Presbyterian Church, 609 Chess St., Monongahela, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

PTA Council meeting set

A PTA Council meeting, forming among all schools in the Ringgold School District, will be held 7 p.m. Thursday at the high school.

Halloween parade set in Allenport

Allenport Borough will have a Halloween parade Saturday. Lineup will be at 3 p.m. at the borough building. The parade will begin at 4 p.m. Trick-or-treating will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

Halloween Car Cruise scheduled in Monessen

The Monessen Volunteer Fire Department No. 1 Auxiliary is hosting a Halloween Car Cruise 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Monessen Volunteer Fire Department No. 1 Firemen's Club, 323 East Donner Ave., Monessen. All participants are invited to dress up their vehicles for the last event of the season. Cars are welcome to participate in the Halloween parade and then return to the club. The kitchen will be open. Prizes will be awarded. For information, contact Linda at (727) 797-0747.

Craft show set in Bentleyville

The seventh annual craft show will be held 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday at the Bentleyville United Methodist Church, 712 Main St. A lunch, bake sale and Chinese auction will also be held.

Costume party set in Monessen

An Increasing College/Community Monies fundraiser – costume party and birthday – will be held 10 p.m. Saturday at the Holiday Bar, Schoonmaker Avenue and Grand Boulevard, Monessen. Prizes will be awarded for best costume, free appetizers and DJ Funkster will be included. For information, call (724) 653-6802.

Blast furnace reunion planned

A Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel, Monessen, Blast Furnace Department annual reunion will be held 5 p.m. Saturday at the Raven Club, 252 Donner Ave., Monessen. Food and beverages will be included in the ticket price. For information, call (724) 684-6498, (724) 684-4017 or (724) 929-9310.

Masquerade square dance set

Long Branch Community Grange 2072 will hold a masquerade square dance 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the grange hall. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes; however, costumes are not mandatory. Refreshments such as hot dogs, pizza, pie and ice cream will be available for purchase. An admission fee will be charged. For information, call (724) 938-2529.

Orchestra concert set in Monessen

A concert will be held 2 p.m. Sunday at the Monessen High School auditorium. Director Rich Pantaleo and Orchestra will perform. Admission is free; however, donations will be given to the Monessen Veterans Council for the benefit of the Veterans Day parade.

Bereavement group to meet

The Take my Hand Bereavement Support Group will meet 7 p.m. Monday and Nov. 16 in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church, 609 Chess St., Monongahela. Use the Chess Street entrance. The group meets the first and third Mondays of the month. For information, call Maureen Lusk at (724) 258-8855 or Pam Ridge at (724) 483-4109.

TCE looking for volunteers

The Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program (TCE) is seeking volunteers, 55 and older, to help individuals file their tax returns. Volunteers provide free assistance to taxpayers who cannot afford professional ax help, particularly those who file simple returns. Volunteers assist low income, elderly, non-English speaking and persons with disabilities. The taxes are completed at sites throughout the county. Volunteers attend a six-day training session conducted by the IRS. The training begins in December and includes testing. For information, call the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program at Westmoreland County Community College at 1-800-262-2103, ext. 4213.

CRAFT OF THE WEEK

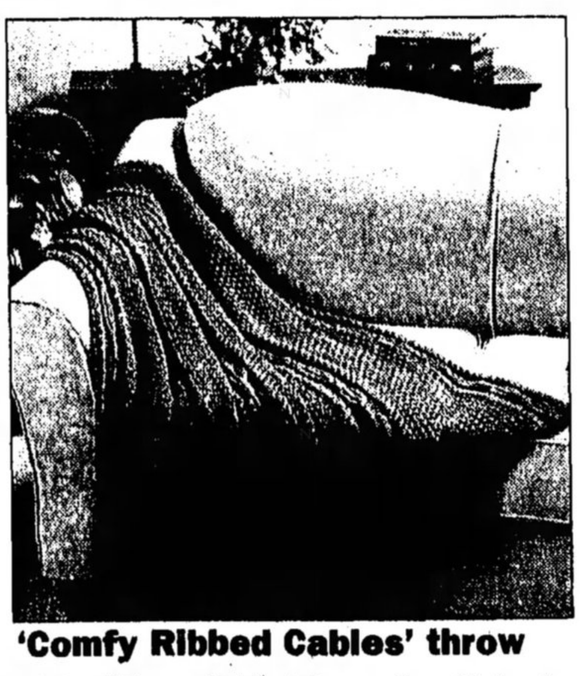
Cable knits are easy to master

There's something undeniably romantic about cable knits. Perhaps it's their long association with Ireland, and the images of cozy cottages and thick, warm sweaters they bring to mind. For most knitters, however, cables are as intimidating as they are attractive. The good news is that cables only look intimidating. In reality, they're very easy to knit.

It's easy to master cable knits with the help of a 32-page guidebook, "Easy Cable Throws." The book features seven surprisingly simple designs for lovely cable-knit throws. Thick and luxurious, they're perfect for your own cozy cottage, and they're just in time to make wonderful gifts for the holidays.

Each project includes a materials list, row-by-row instructions, stitch guides and color photographs. A section of general instructions makes it easy to get started, and conversion charts and a glossary of terms round out the collection.

Designs include "Comfy Ribbed Cables Throw" (pictured), "For Men Only," "Hugs and Kisses for Baby," "Stockinette Stitch Cabled Throw," "Super-Sized Cables," "Cables and Lace Throw" and "Rose Aran Throw."



'Comfy Ribbed Cables' throw

The "Easy Cable Throws" guidebook, No. AN121026, is $10.95. You can find four other fast and fun throw designs to knit in a 13-page guidebook, "Quick-Knit Throws," No. LA3615, available for $6.95. Please include $4 for postage and handling and allow about two weeks for delivery.

To order by mail, clip this article and send it with a check or money order to U-Bild Features, c/o *The Valley Independent*, 3800 Oceanic Drive, Ste. 107, Oceanside, CA 92056. To order by credit card, call 1-800-828-2453. Visit U-Bild on the Web at craftbook.com.

VALLEY CLUB NOTES

Tri-County American Legion Auxiliary Council

The Washington, Fayette, and Greene County American Legion Auxiliary Council of Western PA met at the American Legion Post 175 in Washington, Pa., Oct. 7.

Council President Judy Kovalcik presided over the meeting.

Each unit in attendance gave an activity report and the number of members present. The guest of honor, Department President Barbara Mills, of Sharon, emphasized the national auxiliary theme to "Reconnect and Energize."

Guest speaker at the Dec. 2 council meeting at Uniontown Post 51 will be Department Membership Chairman Virginia Lisbon. All members of the American Legion Auxiliary are invited.

Units were reminded to bring their poppy corsages and gifts for the Girl's State Chinese auction to this meeting.

Appreciation was expressed to the Washington ALA Unit 175 for hosting the meeting and providing lunch.

Following prayer, the meeting was adjourned by Kovalcik.

Pictured from left are Department President Barbara Mills, Department Chairman of Americanism Carol Harrison, Council President Judy Kovalcik and District President Carol Randolph.

Seeking exports

Do you know of someone who once lived in the Mon Valley, but moved on to forge a life elsewhere?

Is that person involved in an interesting or successful career?

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CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: C equals J

"H FSVKW VN FTHYO SWMLVVMI VS IWGRVTHI IPVRAM XW JWUO CRIO HI LW JWWU H FSWHO VS XWHROTNRA BHOPWMSHA." - OPWVMVSW SVVIWKWAO

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "The everyday kindness of the back roads more than makes up for the acts of greed in the headlines." - Charles Kuralt

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Clergy Appreciation Month

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Gospel Church
Church Address, Pa
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Pastor, when we are sick or just need someone to talk to, you are always there for us. We are also blessed by your wife, Megan, in her teachings. We love you both.
YOUR CONGREGATION

EXAMPLE OF $30 AD AND YOUR MESSAGE (ACTUAL SIZE)

The Valley Independent will honor religious leaders in our monthly feature Jubilation on October 31st.

For just $30 or $45, you and members of your congregation can show your clergy how much they are appreciated with a "thank you" message and their picture or cross.

PASTOR MARK FERRENTIEN
Gospel Church
Church Address, Pa
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POLICE OFFICER
City of Monessen

Applications are being accepted for qualified individuals to take the Civil Service Test for the position of police officer for the City of Monessen. Applications are available from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Monessen Police Department, 100 Third Street, Monessen, PA beginning November 2, 2009.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

U.S. Citizen
Must be 21 years of age
High School graduate or equivalent
PA Act 120 Certificate
Valid PA driver's license

Completed applications must be received at the Monessen Police Department by 4:30 p.m. on November 20, 2009 with a non-refundable $40.00 check or money order made payable to the City of Monessen.

Physical Agility testing will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2009, followed by the written test for those passing the physical test, at the Monessen High School.

Further information may be obtained at the Monessen Police Department at the above address or by calling 724-684-4620.

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Gladys, Walter M.
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Letters of administration on the ESTATE OF WALTER M. GLADYS, late of Washington County, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Washington County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them without delay to:

Robert W. Gladys, Administrator
1435 Park Avenue
Washington, PA 15301

James J. Gladys, Esquire Attorney
14 McKelvey Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15218
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Makovich, Richard J.
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Letters of Administration on the Estate of Richard J. Makovich, late of Perryopolis Borough, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Fayette County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same present them without delay to:

Richard C. Makovich,
Administrator
230 Allison Street
West Newton, Pennsylvania 15089

Alan Benyak, Esquire
401 Sixth Street at
Washington Avenue
Post Office Box 1
Charleroi, Pennsylvania 15022
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Meeting Notices
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NOTICE OF HEARING
ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP
ZONING HEARING BOARD
TO: CITIZENS OF
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THE ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 201 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA 15012 ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009 AT 6:30 P.M., TO HEAR THE FOLLOWING CASES.

1. Thomas Kelly, 870 Rostraver Road, Belle Vernon, PA 15012 is requesting a Variance for parking. The applicants' proposed use is parking for Millers Auto Parts store. The property, tax map 56-16-00-0-037, is located at 870 Rostraver Road and is presently zoned B-2.

2. Gustine BV Associates, III, LTD, The Gustine Company, 2100 Wharton Street, Suite 700, Pittsburgh, PA 15203 and Century 21 Frontier Realty, 780 Tri-County Lane, Suite 102, Belle Vernon, PA 15012 is requesting a Sign Variance for individual and total square footage of signage. The applicant's proposed use is an advertising sign. The property, tax map 56-16-00-0-030, is located at 780 Tri-County Lane and is presently zoned B-2.

3. James and Shannon Poindexter, 352 Concord Lane, Belle Vernon, PA 15012 are requesting a Setback Variance from another building. The applicants' proposed use is to construct a garage. The property, tax map 56-14-00-0-025, is located at 352 Concord Lane and is presently zoned A-1.

4. Tom and Allyene Kelly, 870 Rostraver Road, Belle Vernon, PA 15012 and MedExpress Urgent Care, 1751 Earl Core Road, Morgantown, WV 26505 are requesting Sign Variance for the individual and total square footage of signage. The applicants' proposed us is an advertising sign. The property, tax map 56-16-00-0-037, is located at 860 Rostraver Road and is presently zoned B-2.

All parties interested or wishing to be heard are invited to attend.

**NOTE: The applicant(s)/their representative MUST ATTEND this hearing in order for action to be taken on the request.

John Bedell, Secretary
Rostraver Township
Zoning Hearing Board
Municipal Building
201 Municipal Drive
Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania 15012
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LEGAL NOTICE

The California Area School Board will hold their Reorganization Meeting on December 7, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Immediately following the reorganization meeting the Board will hold their December committee-of-the-whole. On December 16, 2009 the Board will hold their regular meeting.

All previously scheduled December meetings have been cancelled.

The above meetings will be held in the California High School Cafeteria at 11 Trojan Way, Coal Center, PA and are accessible to the disabled under the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Interested parties may request special assistance or special accommodations by calling (724)785-5800 ext. 1209 prior to the meeting. EOE

Mary Bastin, Board Secretary
10/28

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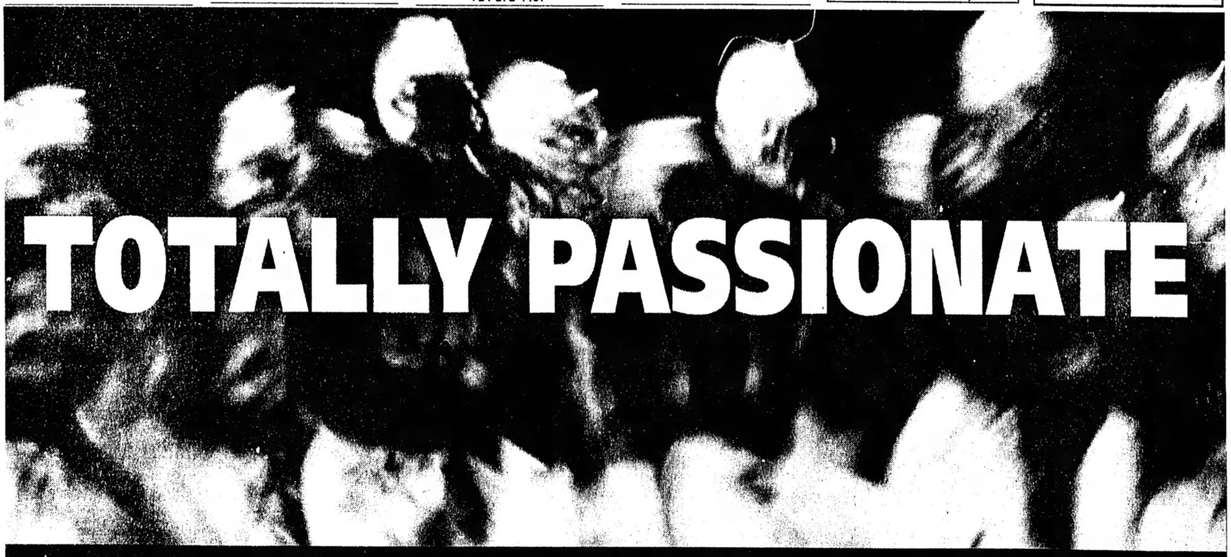

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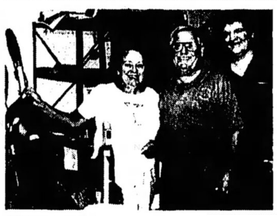

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LIBRA (**Sept. 23-Oct. 23**) -- Unexpected time on your hands can be put to excellent use if you complete all those neglected jobs. You may never get a chance like this again.

THE PASTA SHOPPE

Cheri Fertall, right, owner of The Pasta Shoppe in Monessen, supervises the restaurant during Monday's lunch rush. Fertall has owned and operated the restaurant for the past 11 years. At left is her daughter, Holly Fertall, a waitress.

Jim Ference/ The Valley Independent

Restaurant was gift from husband

Cheri Fertall brings "true Monessen feel" to popular eatery.

By CHRIS BUCKLEY
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Valley Survivors

This weekly feature honors a "Valley Survivor" — one of the many Mid-Mon Valley businesses, organizations and institutions that began when the local economy was booming, survived the financial havoc created by the decline of the domestic steel industry and remain viable today.

Bernie Fertall went in to The Pasta Shoppe for lunch and came out with a new restaurant.

"I came in to eat one day," Fertall recalled. "I liked the sauce so much, I said to Darla (Morgan), 'Let me buy your business.' She said, 'You're kidding.' I told her, 'My wife has been a waitress all of her life, I want to buy her her own restaurant.'"

Before he finished lunch, they came to terms on a purchase price.

Darla stayed on several months to show Bernie and Cheri Fertall "how to run the place."

For the past 11 years, Cheri Fertall has operated The Pasta Shoppe, located at 509 Donner Ave., Monessen. But the popular deli, and restaurant has been a mainstay in downtown Monessen for more than a quarter century.

The Pasta Shoppe began across the street in a mini-mall in the former location of the G.C. Murphy store.

Original owners Nick and Velma Mozzocco sold homemade ravioli, gnocchi and sausage.

The Mozzoccos moved the business to its current location in 1984, locating it in the former Isaly's building. The Isaly's mosaic tile floor remains.

When The Pasta Shoppe moved across the street, the Mozzoccos brought the traditional Italian foods with them.

"I used to come in here as a kid to buy ice cream," Bernie Fertall said.

The Pasta Shoppe is as integrated in Monessen culture as it is in the downtown business section.

Along the walls are photographs of famous Monessen residents such as former heavyweight champion Michael Moorer and basketball standout Gina Naccarato, along with U.S. presidents John Kennedy and Harry Truman during their visits to the city.

"It has a true Monessen feel," Bernie Fertall said. "We try to keep it that way. It has a Monessen touch."

Cherri Fertall worked at The Alpine Club and La Eda's in Monessen before buying The Pasta Shoppe.

A family-run business, Cherri Fertall operates The Pasta Shoppe with daughter Holly and aunt Rita Cocco.

"I'm the maintenance guy and the gopher," said Bernie Fertall, who works at Mon Valley Hospital. "I bought the business for her; it's her business."

The business is a blend of deli and coffee shop. There is a 22-foot long counter where customers can sit, along with booths. The deli is separated from the restaurant.

There are two large televisions for customer viewing and wireless Internet sets are available.

The restaurant is a popular stop for students from Douglas Education Center who are looking for a homemade meal while they are away from home.

And the Fertalls have tried to make The Pasta Shoppe a home away from home for the students.

They held a summer beach party outside the restaurant, complete with sand on the Donner Avenue sidewalk.

Disco and reggae parties were also held and they served Thanksgiving dinner for the students. A Halloween party is planned for Friday.

Business people from town also have made The Pasta Shoppe a popular stop for lunch or dinner after work.

Some customers, though, come from as far as Pittsburgh just because they like the food.

In 2007, The Pasta Shoppe received a liquor license. Bernie Fertall said the business is not a full-fledged bar and does not try to compete with those clubs. Instead, it is the place where a customer can come to have a glass of wine with a spaghetti dinner or a beer or two with dinner.

"We always brag we have the coldest beer in town," Bernie Fertall said. "We don't try to compete with the other bars. We try to be uniquely ourselves."

The Pasta Shoppe is open six days a week, from 8 a.m. until late in the evening. It also caters weddings, showers and other small affairs, seating 60 comfortably.

Two vans make deliveries as far as Pittsburgh.

The Pasta Shoppe's secret is in the unique ethnic foods it offers.

It sells traditional ethnic food such as dried mushrooms for Slovakian cooking and grape leaves for Greek cuisine as well as Italian dry salted fish.

"We have all of the traditional foods you can't buy anywhere else," Bernie Fertall said.

He said at Christmastime, customers are lined out the door to buy Italian foods and sauce, along with Italian candies and other ethnic treats for their holiday events.

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Serving customers at The Pasta Shoppe, from left, are waitresses Holly Fertall, Susie Turkovich and Joanne LaPrestl. The business is both a restaurant and a deli.

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Danielle Thompson, left, owner of Any-Kind-A-Wear in Monessen, reads The Valley Independent while eating at The Pasta Shoppe. At right is Peter Walpole.

Local chiropractor plans to work with top U.S. athletes

Dr. Mike Raczkowski will advise Olympic-class wrestlers about healthy choices.

By CHRIS BUCKLEY
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Active in high school sports, Dr. Mike Raczkowski admittedly knew little healthy eating during his formative years.

But a decade later, Raczkowski is advising Olympic-class wrestlers about nutrition and making healthy choices.

A 1999 graduate of Yough High School, where he wrestled and played football and rugby, Raczkowski earned his undergraduate degree from Gannon University and graduated from Palmer Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, in 2007.

He worked in a clinic in Altoona, even completing an apprenticeship there while finishing college.

In 2008, Raczkowski opened Steel City Family Chiropractic, in Tri-County Plaza in Rostraver Township.

Raczkowski has been associated with Maximized Living Doctors, whose members undergo advanced training in spinal correction, toxicity, exercise and nutritional sciences. They practice holistic wellness.

Maximized Living Doctors is the designated chiropractic team for the Olympic governing body for U.S. freestyle and Greco-Roman Wrestling teams.

One of the founders of Maximized Living Doctors is Dr. Ben Lerner, an academic All-American wrestler in college, who has served as physician for the U.S. wrestling teams in six World Team competitions and two Olympiads.

Through Maximized Living Doctors, Raczkowski was approached in August about working with athletes in the U.S. wrestling program.

Maximized Living Doctors was chosen to lead U.S. wrestling's first ever Wellness Advisory Council. Raczkowski was among a select group of doctors chosen to work with the wrestlers, providing chiropractic, nutrition and wellness programs to prepare them for national and international events.

"I will basically hit the big events - Olympics, nationals," Raczkowski said.

He also plans to get involved with high school and collegiate wrestlers.

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Dr. Mike Raczkowski, of Steel City Chiropractic in Rostraver Township, is shown working on a young patient. He soon will be working with athletes in the U.S. wrestling program.

The idea is to teach them everything needed to keep their bodies functioning properly.

"If injured, we'll make an adjustment that gets them healthy in half the time," Raczkowski said. "Their ability is increased tenfold."

Raczkowski will also work with the athletes at the training camps.

He also goes to businesses, churches and other organizations to talk about health and safety issues and discuss what people need to do to be healthier.

Raczkowski said Americans take too many pills, noting that while the U.S. has 5 percent of the world's population, it takes 75 percent of the world's pills.

Raczkowski said pills can hide pain, but proper spinal corrections can help the body function properly, adding years to a person's life.

"Most people just deal with pain," Raczkowski said. "I'm not interested in pain; I'm interested in changing people's lives."

'Fortune' changes amid ad downturn

Business magazine gets a new look, different content to become more competitive in tight economic market.

By DEBORAH YAO
AP Business Writer

PHILADELPHIA — *Fortune* is embarking on an ambitious redesign of its business magazine, as a vicious advertising slump is forcing the publication to cut the number of issues published and ditch old standbys like CEO covers to become more competitive.

Fortune, a publication of Time Inc., said it will be publishing 18 issues a year, down from 25, starting in January.

Changes will affect its U.S., European and Asian editions. Staff cuts are possible as well, although the company declined to be more specific.

Fortune's advertising revenue declined 26 percent to $52 million in the third quarter from a year ago, according to the Publishers Information Bureau. As a business publication, *Fortune* was pummeled by a slump in the auto and finance sectors.

The changes at *Fortune* come as other business publications have been under siege. Last week, Bloomberg LP bought the struggling *BusinessWeek* magazine for $2 million to $5 million in cash. Earlier in the year, Conde Nast Publications shuttered its *Portfolio* business magazine.

Fortune, hoping to avoid such duress, is banking on a top-to-bottom redesign. The look of the magazine will become more expensive and inviting, with wider spaces and more photographs and a heavier paper stock with a matte finish.

On average, each issue will have 8 to 12 pages more than the old Fortune. Issues tend to run over 100 pages.

Editorial content will be revised as well, with emphasis on fewer, but more in-depth stories about the biggest companies, top movers and shakers and most relevant issues of the day. The magazine also will focus on more investigative stories.

It will ditch covers of CEOs for which it is known, instead favoring conceptual images. Last month, *Fortune* hired John Korpics, known for his redesign of *Esquire* and *InStyle* magazines, as its new creative director.

Fortune is adding more columns with useful information to its readers, such as one on careers, based on feedback from focus groups.

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Your Financial Future

New financial conditions impact retirement plans

For many years, people have based their retirement planning on two premises that may no longer be true.

The first one is that you will only need 70 percent of your working income to live in retirement. This was supposed to be due to not having to commute to work, buy working clothes and eating lunch in restaurants.

This premise is often not true today.

Because of better health, we are living much longer. Many people have hobbies that cost money such as golf, travel and take more vacations, maintain a second house and have higher financial expectations than previous generations.

That generally means you need a different kind of retirement plan. You will need to save more and then use a good distribution plan during retirement. That's a major weakness in many people's plans.

The second premise that is probably not true today is that taxes will be lower during retirement.

Because of today's record budget deficits, taxes will have to go up in the future.

Today's tax rates will probably not be seen for a long time.

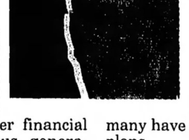
Because of that, you need new tax planning for retirement. You need to make proper use of tax-deferred and tax-free income. Retirement plans offer tax deferral.

Although this offers a different savings benefit than regular earnings, you may have to pay more taxes in the future because of this strategy. If tax rates go up in the future, you will have less spendable income.

Many people do not consider the tax implications of their retirement plan. It may be possible to convert some deferred income into a Roth IRA that grows tax free and not deferred.

You do not get a tax deduction at the time of a contribution, but you do not pay taxes at distribution. There are some special rules for these conversions during 2010. You should look for opportunities to take advantage of your marginal tax rates when making any conversions.

Gary BOATMAN



Because of the value that people have lost in their 401ks and house values, many have to re-think their retirement plans.

This may include working longer or taking a part-time job during retirement.

Some people will scale back their expectations. Because of what has happened during the currnet financial crisis, it's more important than ever to eliminate excess risk and take advantage of new planning techniques. What worked in the past may not work today.

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Gary Boatman, a local businessman who serves as president of the Greater Monessen Chamber of Commerce, is a certified financial planner.

US Steel posts another quarterly loss

PITTSBURGH (AP) — United States Steel Corp. revealed Tuesday that it lost money for a third straight quarter as the global economic downturn continued to dampen demand for the metal.

But the company said its production and shipments rose significantly from the previous quarter. As a result, the company expects a narrower loss in the October-December period as North American automakers order more steel for vehicles.

U.S. Steel's products include sheet steel used in a wide range of consumer goods, from cars to office furniture.

Its tin is used in items such as food cans, while its tubular steel, or pipe, is used in oil and gas drilling. Its shares fell $1.88, or 4.6 percent, to $38.70 in morning trading.

The loss highlights an industrywide slump in demand that began when the world economy faltered late last year.

That undermined key customers in the construction, auto and industrial equipment industries.

Changing times — changing schools

Teacher reflects on the evolution of education over the years.

By EMILY KAY SHRADER
McClatchy Newspapers

A high school student walks into an economics class and asks the teacher if he can turn in his homework — late. The teacher looks over the assignment and realizes the young man has copied from another student.

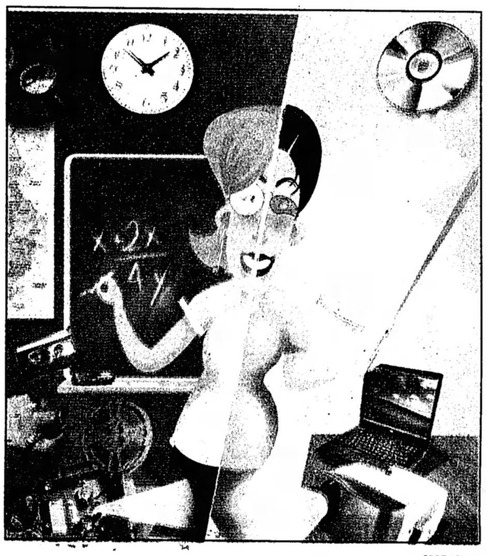
This is a situation social-science teacher Janeen Zambo faces frequently. "Gosh, we never would have done that in my day," said Zambo, who has taught at several high schools and now is at Enochs High.

Change happens every single day, so it is inevitable that what goes on in schools these days is different from how it used to be 40, 30, even 20 years ago.

Zambo tells her students stories of how much school has changed since she graduated from high school in 1985. Cheating on tests and homework was rare then, she said, but teachers say they now experience it on an everyday basis.

Zambo even cited an incident in which a student photocopied a friend's homework, then used white-out over the name at the top of the page to change it to her own. The teacher said she still can't believe that things like this happen at school all the time.

Part of it, she understands, is that schools are bigger, with more students. Zambo went to a high school with fewer than 500 people, where everyone knew one another. Now, she teaches at a high school with about 2,500 students.



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Teachers who have been in the classroom for 20 years or more recognize that while some kids cause more trouble than they used to, many kids are more troubled now.

Technology also plays a bigger role in school today. Several schools within the Modesto City Schools district have not one, but two or more computer labs for students to work on homework, research and projects.

Teachers rely heavily on technology such as PowerPoint to give slide-show presentations and notes to the students, and laptops are used to keep track of grades and citizenship for the year.

Rod Landes, who has been teaching high school for 17 years, can't believe how schools are so technologically driven these days. He jokes that kids soon won't even know what a pencil is because there will be some new technological tool to replace it.

Landes has taught at several schools and has noticed big changes in the student population. He graduated from a class of 125 about 30 years ago and remembers there being only one black student who attended his high school. Most of his peers were the children of white farmers.

There was no on-campus police officer, there were no MP3 players, and schools didn't rely on technology. And the gang problems that plague schools today were rare back when he was a student, he said. "I always felt fairly safe," he said. "I never really worried about anything."

Despite some drawbacks of relying so much on technology in schools, Landes believes students are able to acquire more information and are equipped with tools and resources to research more than students could 30 years ago.

Landes also sees huge changes in the emotional and mental states of his students. "There are more hurting kids than there were 30 years ago," he said.

Because of this, Landes has decided to start focusing more on uplifting his students every day by writing encouraging quotes on his whiteboard, handing out inspirational stories and poems, and hugging students who need a boost. "I bet I hug 200 kids a day," he said.

Landes didn't used to be so connected with his students — another change he believes schools have seen in the past 20 or so years.

Teachers are starting to care more about their students on a personal level and are striving to connect with them and provide more encouragement instead of remaining detached. Landes couldn't be happier about this development and hopes kids will come to school with more positive attitudes and willingness to learn.

On the other hand, he also has experienced a decline in parental involvement with their children's education. Few parents come to back-to-school nights. For instance, if Landes has a class of 40 students, only about five parents usually show up, he said. He'd really like to see parents get more involved with schools.

Despite negative changes schools have seen in the past 30 years, such as students' emotional states being more complex and parents being less involved, Landes and Zambo are trying to focus on the positives, such as the opportunities technology has opened to students and teachers being more connected to their students.

Vibes needs you

Welcome to the newest addition of "Vibes" a special section to showcase the work of high school students.

We are looking for Mon Valley high school students to write stories for the section or take photographs. Students interested in pursuing careers in journalism or have a knack for writing are encouraged to participate.

Interested? Call or e-mail Stacy Wolford at (724) 684-2640 or swolford@tribweb.com.

The next edition comes out Nov. 18, so we need to hear from you ASAP!

Inside 'Vibes'

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Today, Sasha Doran is a star quarterback for one of the top high schools in Minnesota. But six years ago, he and his two sisters were in a Russian orphanage.

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Ian Brennan, the creator of the new Fox comedy, "Glee," was inspired by his own high school experiences in Mt. Prospect, Ill.

"Dear Baba" offers advice to a high school student considering colleges in small towns and large cities.

Make the most of college fairs

These events can be overwhelming without the right preparation.

By CARLOS ALCALA
McClatchy Newspapers

At a single college fair in Rocklin, Calif., last year, 4,000 to 5,000 people — teens and parents — swarmed the tables of college recruiters in the academic equivalent of speed dating.

At such events, colleges bring their most attractive brochures and students bring breathless questions ranging from "How hard is it to get in?" to "How far is it to the beach?"

There were so many recruiters and potential recruits in Rocklin that the fire marshal issued a warning that the capacity of two gyms was being exceeded.

Similar scenes of academic anxiety are sure to take place during the next two weeks when college fairs will be held nearly every day for Sacramento-area high school students.

"They can suddenly find themselves in a gymnasium absolutely heaving with people," said Alistair Turner, Sierra College's program manager for outreach and international students.

To reap this whirlwind profitably isn't easy.

We asked experts from the fields of college admissions, public and private counseling, fair organizing and admissions guide writing how to get the most from the college fair experience.

Here are some of their tips:

Be prepared

This was every expert's No. 1 tip. Students should know the difference between four-year and community colleges, between public and private, between academic and vocational programs.

Students and parents should ask questions of themselves to begin to define what they are seeking. If possible, get a list of recruiters and set priorities for which college tables you will visit.

There are many good places to do research online, but for California schools, check out CaliforniaColleges.edu, a Web site maintained by the

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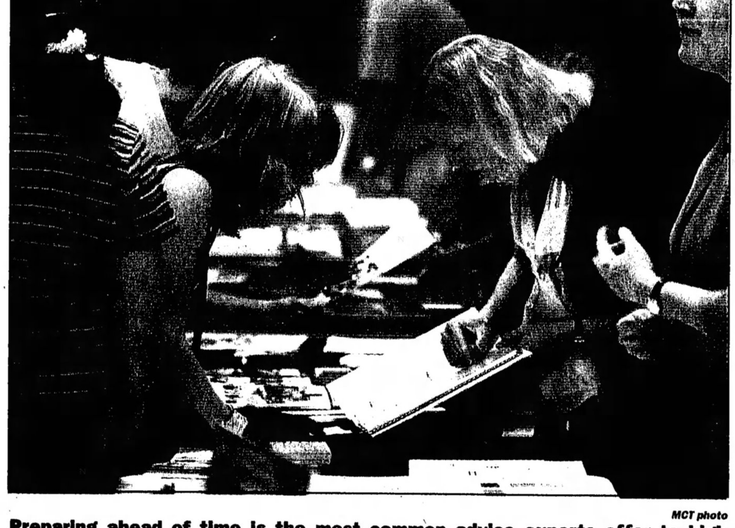

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Preparing ahead of time is the most common advice experts offer to high school students attending college fairs.

VIBES

QB long way from Russian orphanage

Sasha Doran said "nyet" the first time he touched a football.

By JOHN MILLEA
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

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Sasha Doran got a hug from his older sister, Nadya, after Wayzata's 34-14 win over Robbinsdale Armstrong.

For Sasha Doran, the transition this football season has been smooth. The junior at Wayzata High School took over as the starting quarterback for the defending big-school state champions and has helped the Trojans remain undefeated through the first three games.

Doran was a defensive back two years ago, so in a football sense he's come a long way. But go back seven years — to when Sasha and his two older sisters were wards of a Russian orphanage — and the story seems too unbelievable to be true.

The unlikely journey hit home for Sasha's adoptive parents last season, when he took a few snaps with the rest of the backups during one of the Trojans' blowout victories. As John and Mary Ellen Doran of Plymouth watched Sasha on the field, they thought back to the little boy who spoke no English, who had lived on the street before being taken to the orphanage, who uttered "nyet" when handed a mysterious object — a football — for the first time.

"I looked out there and thought to myself, 'Oh my gosh, six years ago he was in an orphanage in Russia and he didn't have enough food to make it,'" Mary Ellen said. "Now he's the quarterback at Wayzata."

Sasha was named the starting quarterback two days before the season opener. His debut was impressive, as he completed 14 of 15 passes for 163 yards and two touchdowns in a 34-7 victory over Eastview. For the season, he has passed for 457 yards and six touchdowns in three victories. But after that first game, he admitted to being nervous.

"Oh, I was really nervous," he said with just a hint of an accent. "I looked up at the crowd and that kind of froze me up a little bit."

Mary Ellen Doran said that game "was a fairy tale." As is the story of Elena, Nadya and Sasha Doran.

John and Mary Ellen had tried for years to have kids. "We had been married a while and thought we might like to add to the deal," said John, who owns a concrete business. "It just didn't work."

They turned to adoption, hoping to find two older kids. European Children Adoption Services in Plymouth showed them a photo of three siblings from Russia who had been born in St. Petersburg and lost both parents.

Sasha had run off at age 6 and survived on the streets for a year until police brought him to an orphanage in the small town of Petchori near the borders with Estonia and Finland. His sisters were moved from another orphanage to join Sasha a year later. They lived there for three more years - Sasha remembers meals of porridge and water - before being adopted and moving to Minnesota in 2002.

"It was kind of a rocky deal," Mary Ellen said of the siblings' early lives.

Because the kids were older when they met the Dorans — Elena and Nadya were teenagers and Sasha was 11 — they had to agree to the adoption.

"They just gave up every single thing they knew and went off with two people they didn't know," John said.

The gratitude in Sasha's eyes is apparent as he talks about his life, past and present.

"We came from nothing and then we met these two great people who gave us this opportunity in life," he said. "And I have a lot of friends who care about me."

The kids are now 24, 20 and 18. The girls graduated from Wayzata High School; Elena earned a degree from the University of St. Thomas and is an accountant for Hennepin County, and Nadya has taken college courses while working for her father's concrete company.

John Doran played high school football in Bemidji, was an assistant coach at a high school in California and is a well-known Wayzata youth football coach. When he and Mary Ellen went to Russia to meet the kids for the first time, John brought Sasha a football. The youngster said "nyet" and tried to kick it like a soccer ball.

"It was hilarious," Mary Ellen said.

As part of the warmup routine for all Wayzata football teams — youth through high school — jumping jacks are performed while the players rhythmically yell "W! A! Y! Z! A! T! A!" In Sasha's first year of football as a fourth-grader, he came home from practice in tears because he hadn't learned the English alphabet well enough to spell Wayzata.

The rest of the family literally jumped in to help, spontaneously doing the jumping jacks routine every so often until Sasha had it down.

"None of the kids spoke English," Mary Ellen said. "For reasonable conversation, it took them about six months."

Sasha, who now is 6 feet tall and weighs 160 pounds, was held back in school for a year when he arrived because he was smaller than other kids his age. But he quickly became popular. During a fourth-grade bowling party, all the kids wanted to be on Sasha's team. The youth football players wore their jerseys, but Sasha came home that day without his jersey. He had given it to a girl with autism; she was the first person he picked to be on his team.

"He's got a good heart," said his mother.

In some ways, the transition was easier for Sasha than for his sisters.

"The first couple years were tough," John Doran said. "The kids couldn't read, write or speak English. Sasha was the luckiest, I think, because kids in our neighborhood came over and knocked on the door and he just went out to play. I don't know if the kids were using hand signals or some kind of code, but they hit it off right away."

Among Sasha's first friends was classmate Abbey Kaine, whose family lives across the street. Before Sasha and his sisters even came to America, she drew a paper likeness of herself — a "flat Abbey" — for John and Mary Ellen to show to the kids in Russia. She was in third grade.

"So technically, Sasha knew me before he ever met me," she said with a laugh.

Abbey learned a little Russian in order to help Sasha learn English.

"He was so cute," she said. "He would come to school and wave to me and my friends, he was so happy to know someone. Everyone liked him right away."

Many of Sasha's first friends are now his football teammates.

"I remember the first year or two he was here, we had to draw up the plays in the dirt for him," junior center Aaron Berg said. "He would break down in tears every so often, but we told him it was OK. He fit right in."

Among Sasha's first English words were "Skittles" and "pickles."

Junior safety David Boegel remembers watching young Sasha eat an orange, including the skin. "I thought that was kind of interesting," Boegel said. "I was like, 'You don't have to eat that.'"

Boegel also remembers hearing Sasha, for the first time, properly pronounce the lunch menu at school. He told his friend, "Good job."

"He still has problems pronouncing English," Boegel said. "He comes to my house and he makes me say every single play and he pronounces it back. He'll keep doing it and doing it until he has it down. We do it before every game."

Said Sasha: "I repeat them to get the pronunciation right in the huddle. They're hard plays, like 'Deuce Right H Boot Flood.'"

Sasha always has been a confident athlete, but being named the starting varsity quarterback unnerved him. He came home from practice that day and told his dad: "I'm scared. I don't know if I will be able to do it."

John told him the coaches wouldn't have picked him if they didn't think he was up to the job.

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Fair (FROM PAGE THREE)

California Education Round Table, which also organizes college fairs in the region. For a calendar of fairs, go to www.trumba.com/calendars/tdcn-calendar-2009.

Ask questions

"There's no such thing as dumb questions," said Cindy Cutts, a counselor at Rocklin High School who organizes an annual college fair.

However, asking, "Tell me about your college" or "What are you guys known for?" is unlikely to give you useful answers, said Rich Toledo, director of undergraduate admissions at University of the Pacific.

Better questions are more specific, such as:

What is your average class size? How big is the student body?

What percentage of students get financial aid? (Private universities may be more affordable than you think.)

How much student housing is there? (Even some two-year schools, like Sierra College, have housing.)

What are your popular majors? (This tells you what majors are likely to have good resources and faculty.)

Practice posing your questions to a parent, teacher or friend so you won't be nervous during the real thing, said Jill Yoshikawa, a partner with Creative Marbles Consultancy.

Know who you're talking to

Some colleges send admissions officials; some send volunteers. You will get different kinds of information, with different accuracy levels from each.

If you can, get the business card or contact information for an official you can reach with follow-up questions.

And most experts said it's a good idea to follow up with schools you like.

Be age-appropriate

The experts disagreed on whether college fairs are appropriate for high school freshmen, but most said it can't hurt. It may even help you plan your high school schedule.

Sophomores should get exposure to the options and begin to see what kinds of post-high school institutions exist.

Juniors, for whom the fairs are most useful, should be narrowing their choices based on informational brochures and questions they ask recruiters.

Seniors, who are just a few months from application deadlines, should be using this as a chance to make the final cuts.

What to bring

Students will collect a lot of stuff, so bring a bag to carry brochures.

"One of our students called it academic trick-or-treat," said Cutts, the Rocklin counselor.

Transcripts and test scores may help show recruiters whether you are admissions material. They won't get you admitted at the fair, but "it can't hurt," said Michael Burton, who coordinates the two-month college fair season in Northern California for the California Education Round Table.

Pre-printed labels with your name, address, high school and interests can be a time saver to paste on interest cards that many colleges will ask you to fill out, said Bruce Hammond, the author of several college guides, including "Countdown to College."

If you don't bring labels, be sure you have a pen to fill out cards. If you're really interested in a school, those cards may help a college remember you later.

What parents should do

Parents may have different questions than the students. They tend to be more about finances and less about majors, weather or the Greek system.

Both kinds of questions are important, but it may work better if families split up at the fair and ask their questions separately, Hammond said.

After the fair

Decompress and then sort. Parents shouldn't pressure kids for their impressions immediately after the fair but give them a chance to absorb the information overload, Yoshikawa said.

One way to deal with the huge number of choices, she said, is to sort your material into three piles. One pile is for schools that you know you want to apply to. One is for schools you are interested in but may want a little more information.

The third is for the least attractive, or those that may require a lot more research. Spend your research time on the second pile, she said.

Also, visit schools if you can, said Michael Dang, associate director of undergraduate admissions at UC Davis.

"That's how students decide whether that's the right campus for them," he said.

At fairs, you can ask other officials about the best times to visit.

Take control

Remember, schools aren't the only ones with the power. Even if they make the final decisions, families have all the control on the front end, Yoshikawa said.

Instead of worrying how to tailor the student to the school, figure out what schools will fit the student.

VIBES

Say What?

"It was awkward at lunch when it was me and the rest of the cast and 25 bleeding people."

— Abigail Breslin, on lunch on the set of "Zombieland," in People magazine

"It's healthy for a woman to have curves."

— Lacey Schwimmer, "Dancing With the Stars" dancer, on her weight in People magazine

"The plays of Martin McDonagh. Deal with that, everybody! They're really great. He wrote 'In Bruges.' I've never read plays for leisure before."

— Seth Meyers

"I flew a plane. I actually felt less afraid flying the plane than being a passenger."

— Rachel Bilson, on overcoming phobias, in People magazine.

"The power of persuasion- and I might have it."

— Kristen Bell on the superpower she would love to have, in People magazine

"I was very into art, so maybe I would have become an artist of some kind. My children are always asking me to draw different things for them. The kids love Tigger, and they also like me to draw Baloo out of "The Jungle Book."

— David Beckham, on what he might have done if he hadn't played soccer, in People magazine

Dear Babs

College choices: Small town or city?

Dear Babs,

I'm looking at schools to apply to this winter, and I wanted to know your opinion. Where is college life better, a small college town or a big city? Some of my friends really want a small town (I'm from a small town) but others think there's more to do in a big city. What do you think?

— City Mouse or Country Mouse

Dear C.M.,

It really just depends on the person. Both a small college-town and a big city have their ups-and-downs. So here's a little pros and cons list to help you out:

College Town

■ Pros: Often, in a college town, the student body and faculty will dominate the population of whatever town the college is in, making the whole area like an extended campus. This can make you feel like you're part of a close-knit community, where everyone knows each other and has something in common.

■ Cons: Since pretty much everyone you meet will be affiliated with the college, there's not a lot of diversity. Plus, if you ever need a break from campus-life, there's really nowhere to go. Small towns can also be tough if you need a summer job, internship, or off-campus job. With only one Starbucks and no real businesses outside of the campus, opportunities are scarce.

City College

■ Pros: You definitely won't lack opportunities in a city. If you go to a major hub like New York, L.A., or Chicago, you'll be surrounded by the best cultural and financial institutions in the world, giving you plenty of places to get your foot in the door. Plus, as part of a bustling metropolis, you'll get to take part in all the social and cultural activities that you just can't find in a small town.

■ Cons: Some students feel lost in a crowd. If you're the kind of person who shies away from big groups or doing things on your own, a city might not be for you. Also, because of all the resources (like hospitals, community centers, and grocery stores) available in large cities, many city colleges skimp on student services. You really need to be independent and not afraid to ask for what you want in order to make it in a big city.

Rachel (Lea Michele, center) tries to convince Finn (Cory Monteith, left) to join Glee Club against Quinn's (Dianna Agron, third from left) wishes on the new Fox comedy, "Glee."

'Glee' creator uses his high school as inspiration

Many of Ian Brennan's real-life experiences are part of the show.

By COLLEEN MASTONY
Chicago Tribune

The darkly ironic, hourlong comedy "Glee" centers on a group of teenage misfits who sing and dance in a much-maligned high school glee club.

The action unfolds at the fictional McKinley High, supposedly set in Lima, Ohio. But in real life, the inspiration for the show sprung from one actor-turned-writer's experience at Prospect High School in northwest suburban Mt. Prospect, Ill.

Ian Brennan, 31, based the show's initial script on his four years at Prospect High in the 1990s. Now, with the help of producer Ryan Murphy, the creator of "Nip/Tuck," that script has morphed into a television series.

If early reviews are to be believed, "Glee" might turn out to be the hit show of the fall season. We caught up with Brennan to talk about how he turned the traumas of his teenage years into must-watch television.

Q: Why did you want to create a show about a high school glee club?

A: I was in show choir at Prospect High School. I didn't particularly find it enjoyable, and it still strikes me as weird that people dress up in sequins and perform song-and-dance numbers. But, at the same time, I find it interesting that there is something in everybody, a longing for something transcendent, particularly in a place like Mt. Prospect, a place that's very suburban and normal and plain. Even in places like that, there's this desire to shine. That's fascinating and very funny to me, especially when people try to accomplish this through show choir _ which, to me, is inherently a little ridiculous.

Q: So how did you end up in the choir at Prospect High?

A: I knew early on that I wanted to be an actor. In high school, the show choir director was also the musical director. If you wanted to be in the musicals, it helped if you were also in the show choir. So I joined. And I loved being in the plays, but our show choir performances were things that I just wanted to survive.

I have one hilarious videotape where I'm in a terrible tuxedo, and my hair is awful, and I'm zitty and way too thin.

I do sound good, which is one side effect of show choir. You will sing very well if you practice enough. But what strikes me is the longing, the desire to put yourself out there. That's what we try to mine in the show. The sweetness, the longing, the pathos, but also the inherent humor and the dry irony of it.

Q: So how did this turn into a television show?

A: I studied theater in college at Loyola University Chicago. I was an actor in Chicago and then an actor in New York. But I had never written much besides some sketch stuff in high school and some terrible plays in college. In August 2005, I literally bought "Screenwriting for Dummies." And I sat down and wrote the first draft. A friend of mine (in L.A.) knew Ryan Murphy from the gym, and he gave Ryan a copy of the script. As it turns out, Ryan grew up in Indiana and had been in show choir through college, which is hilarious. So Ryan came back and said, "I get this world."

Q: That's a huge break, getting a script into Ryan Murphy's hands.

A: It was a very strange set of circumstances. There's no other show runner in Hollywood who would have cared about this idea. I had written it as a movie script, but Ryan and Brad Falchuk (an executive producer on "Nip/Tuck" and now a co-creator of "Glee") came back and said, "What about a TV show?"

Q: Local people will undoubtedly wonder if the show's premise _ the dismissal of a choir director after allegations of inappropriate behavior with a student _ was inspired by real events at Prospect High, where in 2005 a choir director was accused of fondling a student and was later convicted of aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

A: It did inform the show a little bit, just to give us a jumping-off point. It was an easy and an interesting way to explain why a choir director would get fired.

Q: Are there other parts of the show based on your days at Prospect?

A: When I'm writing scenes I invariably picture Prospect High School. Like one of my classmates got rolled down a hill in a port-a-potty, which is terrible. ... There were the drive-by eggings. I remember my honors physic teacher, who was a fantastic educator but a bit (humorless). One class nailed all his lawn furniture to the roof.

Q: All of those details did end up in the pilot.

A: Yeah, but for me, it's important to say that I had so many good teachers, people like John Marquette, the theater director, who was this magnificent, wonderful role model. He is the reason why I became an actor, which is then the reason why I became a writer.

Q: Is there a bit of your old teacher in the character Will Schuester, the earnest and optimistic teacher who _ after the scandal involving the previous director _ takes over and helps transform the glee club?

A: A little bit. My mom is a teacher. My sister is a teacher. A lot of my friends became teachers. There is a kind of person who _ and this comes through in a character like Will Schuester — where there really is no ego, which is so foreign to me because I'm all ego. (laughing) Some people are willing to devote their lives to seeing that spark in kids. That's something that we try to work into the show thematically. I want the show, in part, to be a kind of ode to teachers.

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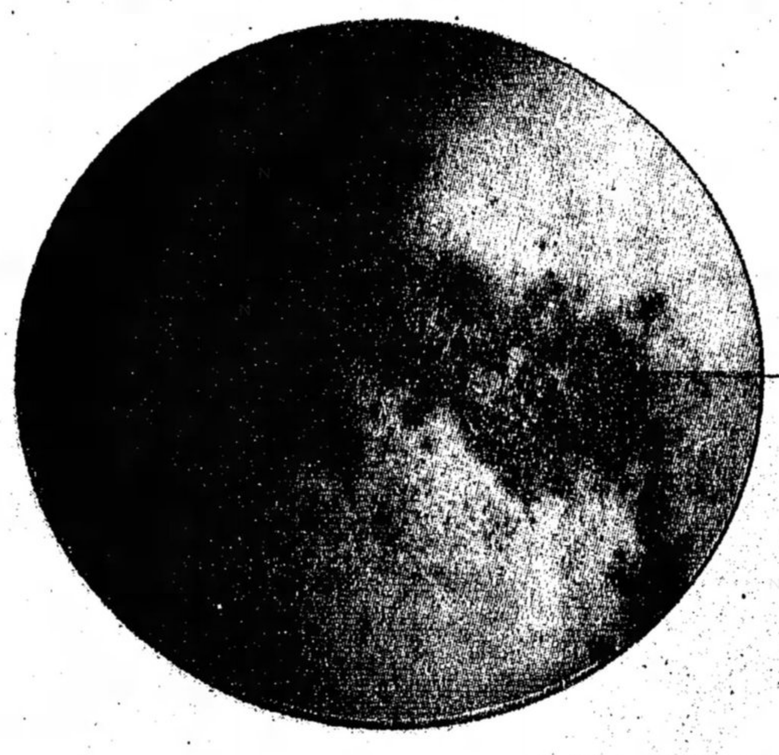

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- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- are breast-feeding.

Tell your health care provider if you expect to be in close contact (including household contact) with newborn infants, someone who may be pregnant and has not had chickenpox or been vaccinated against chickenpox, or someone who has problems with their immune system. Your health care provider can tell you what situations you may need to avoid.

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- headache.

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Monessen hosting Valley-wide veterans parade

It is with great honor that Monessen will be hosting this year Veterans Day parade. This event was last held in the city almost 20 years ago. Monessen Veterans Council, under the leadership of John Billy, will be putting on the parade and luncheon. The parade will be 2:30 p.m. Nov. 7.

This is the largest parade held in the Mon Valley. There will be many bands, organizations, marching units, the Pennsylvania Mounted Police Drill Team and a helicopter flyover. Be sure to arrive early for the best viewing areas. Thank you for all the hard work to salute the service to our country by the veterans.

Keynote speaker at the luncheon will be Monessen's own retired Lt. General Joseph L. Yakovac Jr. General Yakovac is one of five generals from Monessen. Monessen's Major Gen. Jessica L. Wright heads the Pennsylvania National Guard.

Thank you, American Medical Foundation

The Salvation Army would like to thank D.J. Dojonovic and the American Medical Foundation for a wonderful community event at the Giant Pumpkin Patch this October. Because of the Harvest Festival, and other events hosted at the Patch, The Salvation Army is able to help hundreds of families in the Mon Valley. Thank you, Angela and D.J.!

World-renowned sculptor to visit DEC

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World-renowned sculptor Jordu Schell will be visiting Douglas Education Center Oct. 26-28 for a three-day seminar.

Schell will be presenting a sculpture demonstration, as well as visiting classes in the Tom Savini's Special Make-Up Effects Program to speak with students and offer his advice on working in the industry. As an industry professional with a vast range of experience he can offer invaluable insight to DEC students.

Schell, owner of Schell Sculpture Studio in California, is a designer of film and television characters and has worked on numerous projects from entertainment to fine art.

His credits include: the forthcoming "Avatar," "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian," "300," "Hellboy," "Aliens vs. Predator – Requiem," "Men in Black," "The Mist," "Batman Returns," "Edward Scissorhands," "Alien: Resurrection," "The X-Files Movie," "Predator II," "Galaxy Quest," "Evolution," "Babylon 5-The Series" and many more.

For more information on Schell Sculpture Studio, please visit www.schellstudio.com

For more information on DEC, visit www.dec.edu.

Health, safety classes planned

Valley Health and Safety Training Center will be holding classes on the following dates:

- Saturday, Nov. 14, is the Healthcare Provider. Saturday, Nov. 21, is First Aid and CPR. These classes cost $50 apiece and will be held at the Mon Valley EMS station on 1001 Donner Ave., Monessen. The classes start at 9 a.m.
- Classes at the Monongahela Valley Hospital at the Lombardi Conference and Education Center will be on the following dates: Tuesday, Nov. 24, the Heartsaver CPR for Adult/Child, cost $30. Thursday, Nov. 19, is the First Aid course, cost $25. Both these classes are from 6 to 9 p.m.

Please call the Training Center at (724) 684-9536 for further information or to have a quarterly brochure mailed to you.

The Public Relations/ Outreach department is available for presentations on the history of the ambulance, billing and subscriptions, falls, what to do in case of an emergency and many other topics. You pick the topic and the Outreach Department will do the presentation at your location or at the training center.

For further information on the presentations, call (724) 684-7612.

Halloween parade set for Thursday

The Monessen Halloween parade will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday. Lineup will be at Onida and Donner at 6:30 p.m.

The parade is sponsored by Monessen Fire Department #1 & #2, Auxiliaries #1 & #2, Mon-Valley EMS and Monessen Lions Club.

There will be treats and cash prizes for the best costume, best group and best fire department/EMS.

The parade will end at the ambulance service building.

Monessen's trick or treat will be held Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m.. Be sure to follow all safety rules and have a great day.

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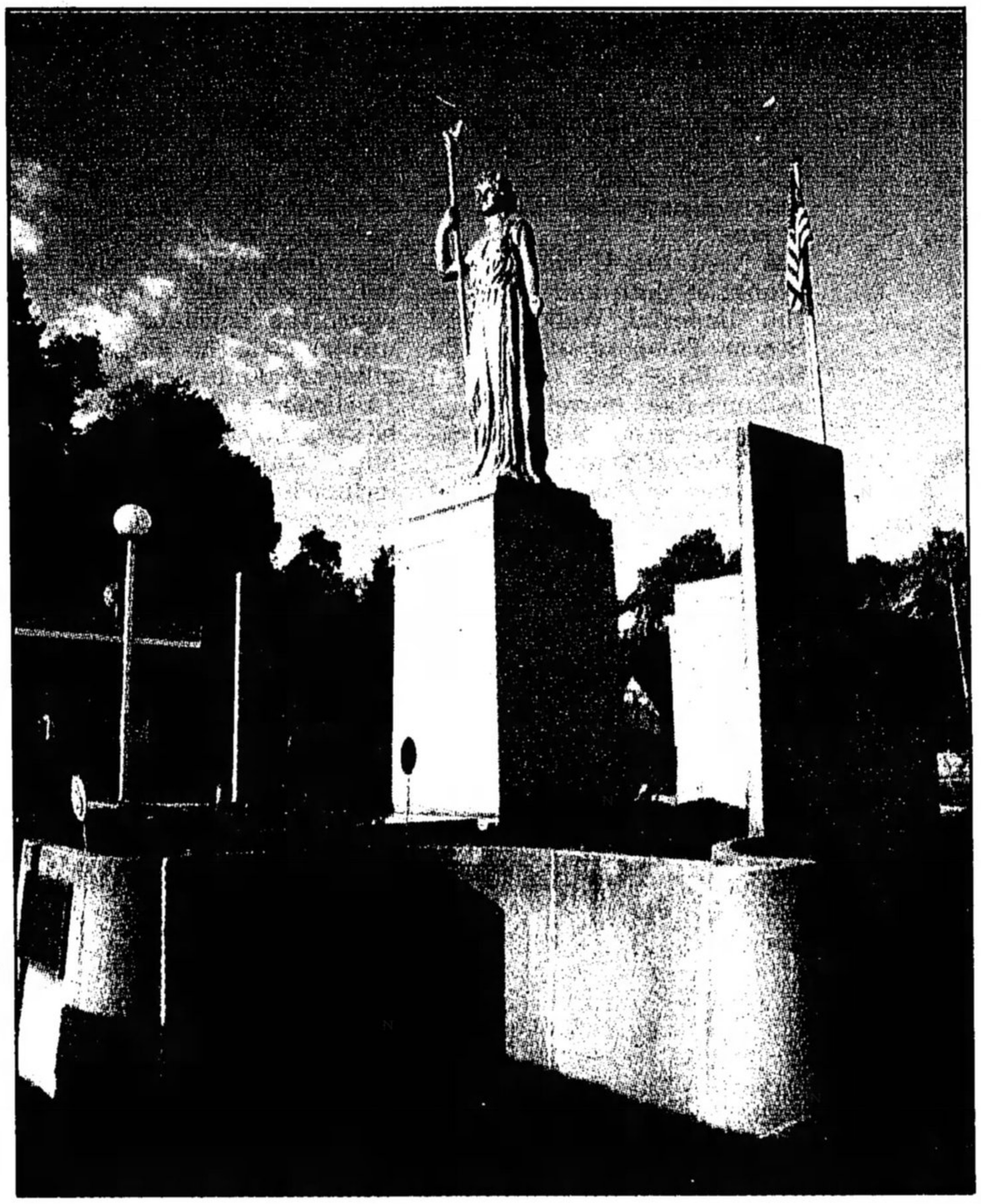

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Light Up Night at the Giant Pumpkin Patch

Join the fun as you walk through Monessen's own "winter wonderland" at the fifth annual Light Up Night at the Giant Pumpkin Patch, located at the corner of Summit and Alexander Avenues in Monessen.

Light Up Night will be held Saturday, Nov. 21, and Sunday, Nov. 22, starting at 4 p.m. each day.

The event is hosted by the American Medical Community Foundation, Inc. and will feature an array of family activities, entertainment, and refreshments. All proceeds from this event will be donated to The Salvation Army Christmas fund.

The Giant Pumpkin Patch will light up with your favorite superheroes and Disney characters coming to life with the glow of Christmas lights. Several new attractions have been added to this year's festivities:

■ Take a ride on a Clydesdale-drawn sleigh. The beautiful Clydesdale horses will take you through the Giant Pumpkin Patch neighborhood to view Christmas lights and holiday displays.

■ Elf games. Win cool prizes by playing the many elf game located throughout the Giant Pumpkin Patch.

■ Take a voyage on the Christmas Pirate Ship as it sails through the Giant Pumpkin Patch neighborhood.

■ Watch the Christmas Pirate Show. Set sail for Christmas adventures with Peter Pan, the Lost Boys, and Captain Hook as they search for their Christmas presents that were stolen by the Grinch! Watch them battle the Grinch to win back their presents!

■ See the laser light show in the new "Pumpkin Arena." Watch the Giant Pumpkin Patch dance with light during a beautiful laser light show, which will take place in the newly constructed "Pumpkin Arena."

■ Visit the Uncharted Ice Planet of Hoth and watch as the Imperial Walkers and Storm Troopers attack the Rebel Base! See the Rebel Alliance fight bravely to keep the universe out of the clutches of the evil Emperor!

The new and improved Polar Express will make a stop for the best adventure yet. Hear the conductor yell "All aboard!" and take a ride around the Giant Pumpkin Patch neighborhood on the Polar Express! Receive your golden ticket and get your first Christmas present with the magical ride. After the ride, stop by the snack bar to enjoy the P. Express Famous Hot Chocolate.

Santa Claus will arrive at 4 p.m., with his live reindeer to meet the children and pass out treat bags. He will also be available for pictures with the kids — young and old — so you will be able to take home a memory of your visit.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to walk through the new and improved "Frosty's Winter Wonderland Adventure" to see the Northern Lights. They will be able to make Christmas crafts at Santa's Workshop, tour the giant pumpkin patch, visit the petting zoo, take a pony ride, enjoy the delicious refreshments, visit the gingerbread village and much more.

Delicious refreshments will be served by chef Gyro George and staff. Refreshments include hamburgers, hot dogs, wingdings, baked goods, hot and cold drinks and the world-famous (in Monessen) Pumpkin Patch homemade fries.

In addition, guests can experience the true meaning of Christmas by visiting the live Nativity. Come to the manager and see the story of Jesus' birth come to life as the Wise Men visit the manger on real camels!

There will be a shuttle service provided to and from the Giant Pumpkin Patch starting at 4 p.m. at the Mon Valley Health Center parking lot. Shuttles will run every 10 minutes.

For more information, call (724) 684-4282 or (724) 684-4550, or visit us on the Web at www.amcfinc.com.

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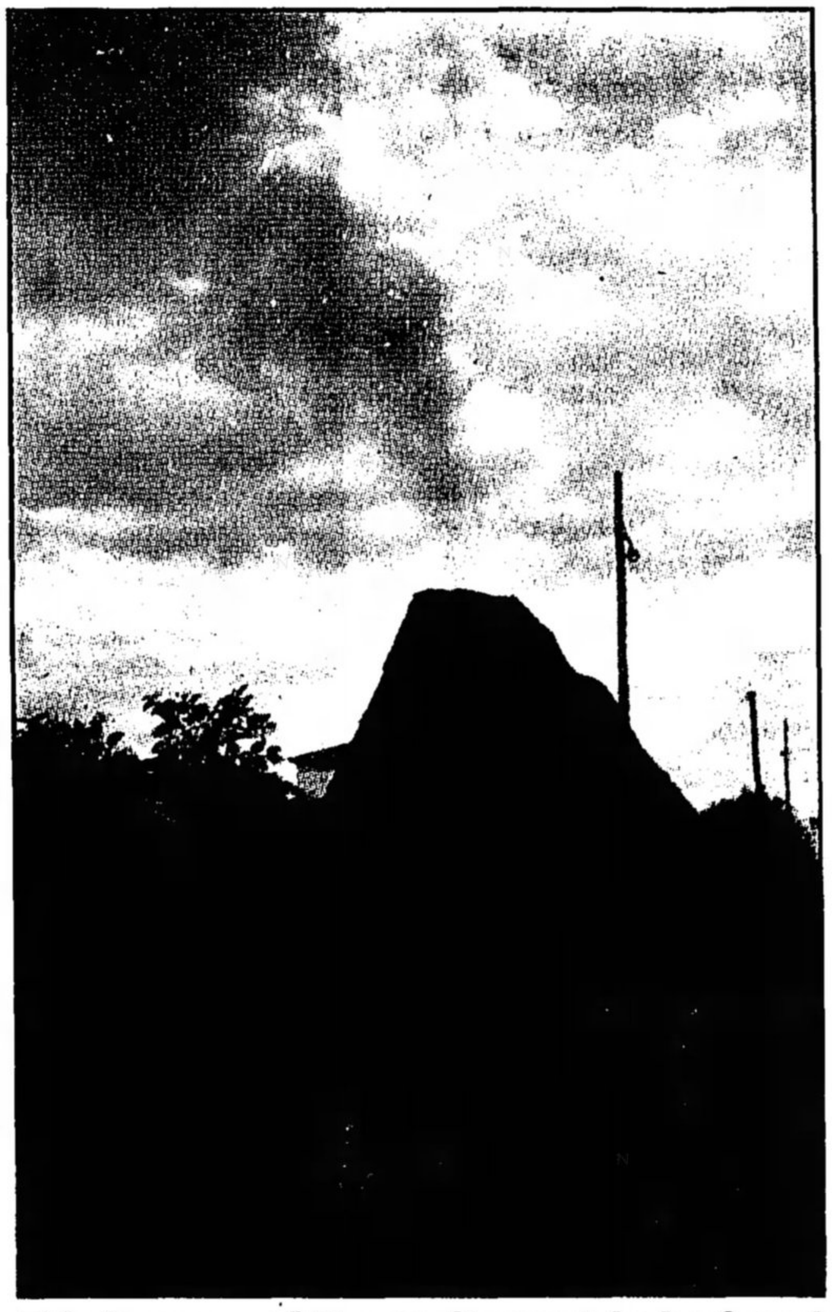

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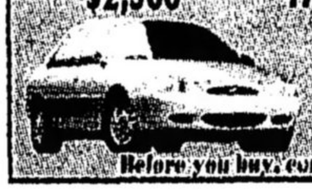

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Museum's autumn exhibit honors area veterans

The Greater Monessen Historical Society has unveiled its autumn exhibit at the Heritage Museum.

The new display salutes veterans of the Greater Monessen area and runs through December.

It is a tribute to veterans in all branches of the service from the Civil War through the Iraq Conflict. The museum is filled with photos, uniforms and military memorabilia.

The Civil War display case contains photographs of Col. James M. Schoonmaker and Col. Charles Derickson.

Schoonmaker, one of Monessen's founders, was believed to be the youngest colonel in the Union Army at the age of 20.

He was awarded the Medal of Honor for gallantry in leading a cavalry charge against the Confederate position in 1864 at Winchester, Va. and driving the enemy from the field.

In 1913, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, he was selected as Pennsylvania's Outstanding Civil War Veteran.

A new display at Monessen's Heritage Museum honoring veterans of the area will be in place through December.

Thank you for your clean-up effort

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped clean up the downtown area on Saturday October 24. Many things were accomplished on this day to make the city look better for the up coming parade.

Thanks for support of Heritage Festival

Monessen held its Cultural Heritage Festival the second weekend in September. We want to thank all of the customers and participants who made this a success.

Thank you to our sponsors, First Federal Saving Bank, Valley 1st Credit Union, American Medical Foundation and *The Valley-Independent.*

We would like to give a special salute to Gate of Heaven Church, which has been with us all the way.

Thanks to Monessen Fire Department #1 Auxiliary for all of its help. The Museum and the Salvation Arm were also important participants.

This festival is still the largest multi-group effort in the city. Our promotion activities created more than 120,000 positive impressions for the city. We had great entertainment and food.

Think what we could accomplish if the naysayers would just try to make a positive effort. Working together calls for action, not words.

What's new in Monessen

Monessen Family Dollar is now accepting food stamps and credit cards.

A new re-sale shop has opened on Donner Avenue. It buys and sells gold, jewelry, games and many other items.

Monessen **Subway** has extra $5 sandwich deals every Sunday. This is at the Monessen store only.

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MVAA schedules holiday shows

Mon Valley Actors & Artists is pleased to announce its upcoming performance of "Boo! Scenes from Halloween."

Celebrate the holiday with this witch's brew of playlets, each designed to make your skin crawl and tickle your funny bone. This eerie review of skits and a one-act, all with a sinister twist, is just the thing for a few scary chuckles.

Full of a wicked assortment of trick-or-treaters, grave diggers, witches and goblins, each story is a haunt all itself. The show, which features the students and staff of MVAA, will run at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $5. The performance will take place at the Schooner Youth Center in Monessen.

The holiday season is upon us and a workshop is scheduled at MVAA. Featuring a theme of acting at the holidays, the workshop is scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. every Thursday, starting Nov. 12.

There will be a holiday performance Wednesday, Dec. 30, featuring the students of the workshop. The cost is $75 per person for the workshop, which takes place and the Schooner Youth Center in Monessen. For more information call Debi Anderson at (724) 684-4034 or visit mvaa.wetpaint. com.

A large crowd gathered for the 50th birthday party at the Monessen Public Library and District Center.

Monessen Public Library plans spring book sale

The Monessen Library's Book Sale is continuing through the middle of November.

The book sale will run during the hours the library is open: 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m Saturdays. The library is closed Fridays and Sundays.

The money raised by the sale will assist the library.

MVAA schedules holiday shows

Monessen Volunteer Fire Department #1 Auxiliary will host a Halloween car cruise Thursday, Oct. 29, from 6-9 p.m. at the New Club next to Rent-a-Center.

Dress up your car, yourself or both and join us for our last cruise of the season. Cars can also be entered in the Halloween parade at 7 p.m.

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Fun activities for the whole family!

- *Watch the Light-Up Night festivities at the Giant Pumpkin Patch. Watch as the Giant Pumpkin Patch lights up, as your favorite Super Heroes & Disney Characters come to life with the glow of Christmas lights.*
- *Listen to the sounds of the season as many talented local vocalists and musicians perform Christmas music. Come listen to The Salvation Army Brass Ensemble & Praise Band, and the California University Choir Quartet.*
- *Meet Santa Claus and have your picture taken with the Jolly Old Elf himself! Santa will be visiting the Giant Pumpkin Patch, with his LIVE REINDEER, and will have treat bags for all the kids. Santa will also be available for pictures with the kids, young & old! Take home a memory of your visit with Jolly Old Saint Nick.*
- *Walk through the Tunnel of Lights on your way to the North Pole to visit Santa's Workshop.*
- *Make your own Christmas crafts when you visit Santa's Workshop. You can make fun Christmas crafts and decorations to take home as a souvenir of Light Up Night.*
- *Take a sleigh ride drawn by beautiful Clydesdale horses through the Giant Pumpkin Patch neighborhood to view Christmas lights and holiday displays.*
- *Win cool prizes at the many Elf Games located throughout the Giant Pumpkin Patch!*
- *Visit the Gingerbread Village. Get into the sweet spirit of the season as you wander through the festive Gingerbread Village and watch the Candy Volcano erupt with chocolate lava!*
- *Come to the Manger and experience the true meaning of Christmas as you visit the living Nativity and watch the Nativity come to life as the Wise Men visit the manger on real live camels!*
- *Take a voyage on the Christmas Pirate Ship and watch the Christmas Pirate Show!*
- *Set sail for Christmas adventures with Peter Pan, the Lost Boys, and Captain Hook as they search for their Christmas presents that were stolen by the Grinch! Watch them battle the Grinch to win back their presents!*
- *Enjoy delicious refreshments such as hamburgers, hot dogs, wing dings, baked goods, our famous hot chocolate and other drinks, and the famous (in Monessen) Pumpkin Patch home-made fries. Our special guests will be Chef Gyro George and staff – sample George's authentic Greek cuisine, including gyros, kabobs, sweet potato fries, and Greek pastries.*
- *Ride the New & Improved Polar Express! Get your Golden Ticket and get your first Christmas present as you take a ride around the Giant Pumpkin Patch neighborhood on the Polar Express!*
- *Tour the Giant Pumpkin Patch and enjoy all the decorations. Make sure to see the 50-foot festive Christmas tree.*
- *See the laser light show in the new "Pumpkin Arena"! Watch the Giant Pumpkin Patch dance with light during a beautiful laser light show which will take place in the newly constructed "Pumpkin Arena".*
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